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£233,000 lifeline for LymeNet

'Absolutely thrilled to receive grant'

By Philip Evans

COMMUNITY workers in Lyme Regis are celebrating a grant of £233,651 which will throw a much needed lifeline to LymeNet

The grant will enable the Lyme Regis Development Trust to expand LymeNet, a community learning and resource centre which offers training, advice and guidance to people of all ages.

LymeNet, based in the St Michael's Business Centre, provides tuition and training in subjects such as Maths, English and ICT which can lead to further courses and qualifications for participants.

Tailor made learning programmes are also available for individuals who require work experience and help with interview skills. A new element to the project will see the establishment of credit union access points in various community locations, including schools and health centres.

The project works with individuals who lack basic employment skills, the long-term unemployed, people with learning difficulties, older people, single parents and those who lack the experience, qualifications and skills needed for the workplace.

Marcus Dixon, chief executive, Lyme Regis Development Trust, said: "Lyme Regis Development

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■ FORMER Lyme Regis mayoress Sheila Applebee celebrated her 80th birthfday with a lunch party for family and friends at Uplyme Village Hall on Sunday.

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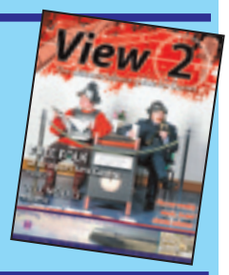

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HAVING recently set up his own business, with help from the government's New Deal for Disabled People scheme, 50-year-old Glenn Willis is enjoying life in Lyme where he lives with partner Catherine and their seven-year-old Staffy, Buster.

Having had a variety of jobs during his life, mainly in the electronics or engineering industries, the internet DJ has also been a key figure in Lyme's youth work, a sector he has been part of for the past 25 years having started as a volunteer in youth café. From there he ended up running all 14 Information, Advice and Guidance Centres in Northamptonshire.

This experience has not only benefitted InSPARation, but the voluntary youth sector in the county.

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■ AS chair of InSPARation Cafe, do you feel it's important to reopen the youth club on Church Street?
I think it is important that we get some form of full-time youth facility open in the town. The Church Street premises would seem to be the logical option, given that that is what it is intended as.

■ IS there enough provision for the youth of Lyme Regis, especially after recent newspaper reports?
There is nowhere near enough youth provision in the town. The newspaper reports have highlighted what those of us involved with young people in the town have known all along. As well as a dedicated youth club, I'd like this to be the year that Lyme Regis gets the skate park that it's been promised for 20 years. I'd also like to see a dedicated information, advice and guidance facility for the young people in town, in parallel to the youth club, servicing the physical, emotional and mental well being of the young people.

■ WHAT things would you like to see changed in the town?
Obviously I would like to see the young people of the town given better provision. It would be great if, as well as a youth club, we could put up some "Pods" for young people to congregate and meet in. I'd also like to see the Three Cups Hotel re-opened as a hotel. It's a big shame that this beautiful building has been allowed to deteriorate.

■ WHAT is it you most enjoy about living in the town?
The main thing I enjoy about living in Lyme is the friendliness of the town and the people. In Kettering, where I come from, if you were to say hello to a stranger in the street, they would look at you like you have two heads! The people of Lyme have been very welcoming towards me, especially after my accident 18-months-ago.

■ YOU lost a leg in a motorcycle accident 18-months-ago but are keen to get back in the saddle. What draws you to the motorcycle?
I've been a biker since I was old enough to ride my first motorcycle. I enjoy the freedom that you get in the saddle and the camaraderie of bikers in general. Following my accident, I joined the National Association for Bikers with a Disability (NABD). A camping field full of bikers with arms and legs missing (I have the bottom part of my right leg missing) is not a good advert for biking, but it underlines the determination of bikers to just get on with life. Also, bikers do a lot of work for charity. Having that freedom makes you more appreciative of the good things in life and more determined to help those less fortunate than yourself.

■ YOU also host a weekly show on the Internet for bikers. Can you explain a little bit about the show?
The show is a rock show on www.bikerfm.co.uk, on Tuesday evenings from 6 till 9pm. It's not a heavy rock show, but it covers everything from Bon Jovi to ZZ Top. The ethos is that people can email or MSN requests in to the show and I'll play what they want, as long as I have it. I do the show from my lounge and stream it on the Internet. We have listeners all over the world. Like-minded people who can get together online for a few hours. The station was set up by a chap from Chippenham and we have DJ's all over the country. It's one example of how computers have made the world a smaller, friendlier place.

■ WHAT is your favourite band and why?
That's a hard one. I have so many 'favourite' bands, but if I had to pick one, it would probably be Meatloaf. I love his voice and I love the lyrics, written by Jim Steinman. Their songs have got me through a lot over the years!

■ IF you could invite three people from throughout history to a dinner party, who would you choose and why?
I would start with Albert Einstein. For a man with little formal education to begin with he achieved so much in his life and is a true inspiration to me. I would also like to meet Boudicca and find out first hand the truth behind the legend. Finally, I'd love to have met Erwin Hubble. Hubble was the man, after whom the famous space telescope was named.

■ IF you won the lottery, what three things would you buy first and why?
The Three Cups Hotel, to get it re-opened, the old Boys Club on Church Street, for the same reason and a new Harley Davidson, because I miss mine.

■ IF you were stranded on a desert island, what three things would you want to take with you and why?
My mobile phone, which has my life in it, some books because I can't get by without something to read and my partner Catherine, who has been my rock since my accident.

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Lyme mourns popular landlord

by Philip Evans

LYME REGIS is mourning the death of the town's most popular landlord.

Joe O'Donnell - publican, musician and sportsman - died in Dorchester Hospital on Monday, aged 69, after a long illness.

With his passing, Lyme loses one of its most charasmatic and most loved characters.

He was the town's longest serving landlord, having run the Ship Inn in Coombe Street for over two decades before his family took over the Volunteer in Broad Street.

If ever the expression "legend in his own lunchtime" fitted anyone, it was genial Joe and a generation of Lyme footballers will this week raise a glass to the man whom they treated with almost godlike reverence.

We all have a Joe O'-Donnell story or ten. Just the mention of his name brings back so many memories of glorious and notorious times past.

When Joe arrived in Lyme in the 1960s, having served as an Army bandsman, we were not long out of short trousers.

In truth, he was only a few years older than us but when he took us for football training on the Anning Road playing field, he soon became our sporting hero.

He was a very skilful inside forward himself and he urged us to play the ball along the ground, never to boot it upfield.

Later, when he and wife Dinah took over the Ship Inn it became the unofficial headquarters for Lyme Regis FC.

It's where we drank after games; where we would have team talks before a cup final.

And when we won a cup the first man to step forward to fill it up with champagne was Joe O'-Donnell. In fact, he would fill it up many times, perhaps too many times.

Apart from sport and his love for Leicester City, his other great passion was music.

I remember him standing out front for the Rowland Halliday Orchestra, resplendent in white tuxedo, looking every inch the suave band leader.

And of course he was the first bandmaster for the reformed Lyme Regis Town Band in the 1980s, knocking a bunch of rusty musicians into shape and bringing his own impish humour to every occasion.

Joe was very proud of the band and even after stepping down as musical director he took a great interest in their fortunes.

More than anything else, Joe was a social animal. Very few parties happened in town without Joe making an appearance, often after he had shut his pub for the night.

His notoriety and popularity was not just confined to Lyme. A regular visitor with the footballers to Lyme's twin club Creully, Joe was as popular across the channel as he was beside the River Lym.

On the six-hour trip by ferry to France it was a rare honour to be invited to the "captain's table" which, by the end of the crossing, was straining under the weight of spent whisky bottles.

Joe was inordinately proud of his Irish roots and regular visits to Donegal also became the stuff of legend.

I once took Joe to London to stay in my flat and to see a football match. We walked into one of the toughest pubs in the East End but within minutes Joe had the cockneys hanging on to his every word. Of course, this was his great skill. Someone would walk into his pub a stranger and walk out a friend.

My abiding picture of Joe is of him standing behind the bar at the Ship, swinging all the pewter mugs above the bar and singing "The Bridport bus won't go that far..."

You had to be there to appreciate that.

There's little doubt that Joe O'Donnell would have lived a few more years had he not partied so hard.

But he did not regret a single day and lived his life to the full.

In the immortal words of one Francis Albert Sinatra - "he did it his way".

◆ Joe's family are planning a memorial service but no date was confirmed at the time of going to press.

■ LYME LEGEND - Joe O'Donnell fills the cup after another Lyme FC victory

Lifeline for LymeNet

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Trust was established in 1998 as a community anchor organisation to serve a rural coastal community that suffers many of the issues associated with rural isolation.

The Trust's community learning and advice centre, LymeNet, provides a range of much needed services to people of all ages and backgrounds.

"The Trust is delighted to have been awarded a grant by The Big Lottery Fund's Reaching Communities programme, which will enable us to extend the offer and structure of the community enterprise to take advantage of futureopportunities."

Lucy Campbell, Centre Manager, LymeNet Community Learning Centre, said: "LymeNet is absolutely thrilled to have been successful in receiving this grant. The centre has struggled over the last few years to keep going due to ever diminishing funding in adult learning, so this has been a wonderful result for us.

"The grant will have a huge impact on our local community, giving people the chance to improve their skills and confidence in order to obtain employment and improve their life chances.

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Tim returns to Dorset for NHS challenge

TIM Archer has been appointed Chief Operating Officer of Dorset Community Health Services, the provider arm of NHS Dorset. He took up his post last week.

Tim who was Director of Delivery and Performance/Executive Director and Deputy Chief Executive of the Cornwall Partnership NHS Trust, will now be responsible for services that include community nursing, community hospitals and mental health services in an area stretching from Lyme Regis in the west to Christchurch in the east and Gillingham in the north.

His new role will mean a welcome return to working in Dorset. He was Director of Mental Health in the former North Dorset Primary Care Trust based at Forston Clinic near Dorchester until 2002 when he moved to work in Somerset and then Cornwall.

Tim said: "I am proud of my achievements so far and look forward to building on them in Dorset.

"My aim is to provide services that are efficient and streamlined and as good as they possibly can be.

"The most important thing about everything that we do is the quality of the service that the patient receives."

Tim, who trained as a general nurse and mental health nurse before moving into management, gained an impressive record in improving services when he worked in Dorset before.

"As a Director of Mental Health with the North Dorset PCT, I was responsible for leading a team in achieving three-star status, and one of the top three ratings in the South West against delivering the National Service Framework for Mental Health; services that the team in Dorset have continued to build on," said Tim.

"The Somerset Partnership became the highest performing in the South West. However Cornwall has perhaps been the greatest challenge of all, shifting an organisation not only on special measures, but in absolute crisis in terms of morale, finance and external relationships, to one recognised by the Healthcare Commission as one of the most improved in the country and well on the road to Foundation Trust status.

"Although proud of all these achievements, I think the greatest achievement was achieving them all within limited resources, and with the full involvement and partnership of the people who used and worked within the services."

RETURNING TO DORSET: Tim Archer is back in the county

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Don't let Cups suffer same fate as Assembly Rooms

by View reporter

LYME Regis town councillors have been warned not to allow the Three Cups Hotel to suffer the same fate as the much-loved Assembly Rooms more than 80 years ago.

The warning came from John Dover, chairman of the Save the Three Cups as a Hotel group, when he addressed members of the council's Community Plan Implementatiion Committee last week.

He reminded councillors that the Assembly Rooms, built in 1777 on the present site of the Cobb Gate car park, were demolished in 1928.

The iconic, Georgian Assembly Rooms building with its ballroom, chandeliers, card room and billiard rooms was a favourite of Jane Austen and her contemporaries.

Jane wrote to her sister Cassandra describing how much she enjoyed dancing there.

John Dover urged councillors: "We do not want a repeat of 1928 in relation to the Three Cups."

Mr Dover reported on events of the past three months, including the recent publication of the historical survey commissioned by the owners, Palmers Brewery.

He said the action group's immediate conclusions were that because of the lack of significant investment over the past 40 years the hotel had deteriorated to such an extent that the question was what other redevelopment scheme would be viable and acceptable to Palmers except building apartments and selling them off quickly for a fast return which will have no benefit to Lyme Regis.

Mr Dover said there had been a further constructive meeting with West Dorset District Council who confirmed they were carrying out their own independent review of the feasibility report by consultants for Palmers.

Addressing the way forward, Mr Dover said he thought both the group and the town council recognised that their common aim was an outcome which resulted in future full benefit to Lyme Regis, its economy, the residents and visitors.

And he added that he hoped the town council agreed that close liaison was essential as the journey continues.

Action group committee member, and its press officer Richard Horobin, drew the councillors' attention to newspaper cuttings - the *Lyme Regis News* of 20 years ago - which reported the closure of the Three Cups.

One report, dated June 8th 1990 under the headline 'Mystery over Cups remains,' said: "Palmers Brewery were 'tight-lipped' about the future of one of Lyme's most prominent hotels which closed last month."

The report went on to say that Lyme Regis residents were already expressing concern about the state of the hotel building and that the mayor said he hoped it would soon be restored to its former glory.

Reporter Belinda Bennett went on: "People are concerned that the imposing property has been allowed to fall into a state of disrepair, tarnishing the town centre's otherwise beautiful image."

Three week's later, on June 29th 1990, the same newspaper reported: "Lyme's now unoccupied Three Cups Hotel in Broad Street is still causing great concern to traders who feel it is becoming an eyesore and is bad for the resort's image."

One councillor said: "We must press the owners to paint the exterior at least to enable the premises to present a pretty face to the town."

Alpha courses

LYME Regis Baptist Church will be running short Alpha courses, which explores the Christian faith and the meaning of life.

The courses include a 20-minute video followed by questions and discussion led by Baptist church leaders Wayne Bradbury and Shirlie Sillito, and refreshments afterwards.

The courses are open to anyone interested and can be held over lunchtimes or during the evenings at the Baptist church on Broad Street, or alternatively Wayne and Shirlie can make home visits to teach groups. To discuss convenient times and locations, call Wayne on 01297 445281 or Shirlie on 01297 561058.

Soup kitchen

THE Lyme Regis group of Amnesty International is sponsoring a soup kitchen this Saturday (February 27th).

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BUS BOYS: Tom Matthews, Greg Horton and Ben Kapur as the mechanics with lead performers Tom Glover and Nicky Sweetland.

Words by Philip Evans
Photos by Paul Crompton

I'VE lost count of the hours I've spent in the Guildhall in Axminster covering various plays, operettas, musicals and variety shows. Mostly they have been enjoyable occasions, interspersed with a few very long nights indeed.

Few have been more pleasurable than the first night of "Summer Holiday", performed by the recently formed Marvellous Amateur Dramatics (MAD).

In a way it was a mad night, for the leading man was no other than my ace reporter Tom Glover, playing the "Bachelor Boy" part immortalised by Cliff Richard in the 1963 film.

We knew he was a talented lad but we were gobsmacked by his singing voice and acting ability in his first major stage role. His interpretation of Cliff's speaking voice was worryingly accurate!

Directed and produced by Bernie Fallon and Maria Herbert, both experienced amateur theatre producers, this was MAD's first production. They were formed last year with the simple aim of giving local people the chance to take part in all aspects of musical theatre, not just singing and dancing.

It was heartwarming to see so many young people on stage, giving it their all and having a good time in the process.

"Summer Holiday" was all about young people having a good time – and that was certainly the case at the Guildhall.

MAD is based in Charmouth, drawing their members from across West Dorset and East Devon, and plan to take their shows around the area which is good news for theatregoers in the other local towns.

"Summer Holiday" is a tale of how four London bus mechanics, desperate for a holiday in warmer climes, renovate of an old Routemaster and drive it around Europe as a mobile hotel. Along the way they bump into a three-girl singing group on their way to a gig in Greece. They also get involved with an up-and-coming American singer with an over ambitious mother and puppet agent as well as getting arrested a couple of times.

DO-RE-MI: Singers Grace Keeler, Jodie Glover and Lauren Antinoro

Inevitably our confirmed bachelor boy falls in love and ends up getting engaged to the young singer, much to the chagrin of her mother.

As a teenager in the 1960s, it's how we all wanted to spend our summer holiday.

In the original film, as well as Cliff Richard the cast included Melvin Hayes, as one of the London bus boys, Lauri Peters, Una Stubbs, David Kossof and The Shadows. It was revived as a stage musical in the mid-1990s starring Darren Day.

So the MAD cast had plenty to live up to and they certainly gave it their best shot. With a party of other *View* staff, we attended the first night and, apart from a few minor hitches with the face mics, it was as good an opening show as I have seen on the local stage.

The show includes all the big hits – "Living Doll", "Do You Wana Dance", "Bachelor Boy" and, of course, "Summer Holiday", providing the audience with plenty of foot-tapping involvement. And, of course, we all joined in the encore finale medley.

Tom was given excellent support by his three travelling companions – Tom Matthews (Edwin), Greg Horton (Cyril) and Ben Kapur (Steve). They each gave confident and assured performances with Greg the joker in the pack and Ben doing a little guitar solo aka The Shadows.

Talent must run in the Glover family. Tom's sister Jodie played the part of Angie, one of the Do Re Mi trio, with a faultless

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Summer Holiday

performance, great singing and and really expressive acting. I even heard that their dad Tony does a mean Elvis impersonation.

Lauren Antinoro and Grace Keeler also impressed as the two other members of Do Re Mi, contributing greatly to the musicality of the evening.

Nicky Sweetland is no stranger to the local stage and her experience shone through in the part of the American star-in-the-making Barbara Winters, who hid her femininity in a bid to hitch a ride across Europe with the boys to escape her clinging mother.

Much of the humour in the show came from a faultless portrayal of the singer's mom by Rachel Hamblett whose brash American drawl was spot on.

An hilarious cameo performance came from Gerry Bearpark in the role of the hapless agent. One particular scene where he had to pretend to be a street entertainer playing the maracas brought the house down.

A word of praise also for the multi-faceted Pete Ward who played at least four different roles and his sidekick Vicky Whatmore who also doubled up as the chorister for the wedding scene.

Bride Grace Herbert, groom Alex McReavie and bridesmaids Elise Herbert, Georgie Harwood and Kayleigh Tate carried off their roles with appropriate aplomb whilst Nicole Parkinson-Ward, Taelor Hamblett-Weaving and Jane Stevenson made ideal backing singers.

Congratulations go to director Maria Herbert and Bernie Fallon (musical director) for getting the most from such a young cast. Top marks also for choreographers Jane Hutchins and Maria Proudlock, assisted by Greg Horton and George Robson, for the dance routines.

Other cast members: Maisie Bellworthy, Imogen Gordon, Tamsyn Hilton, Maia Hilton, Josh Hamblett-Edwards, Luke Bearpark.

Orchestra: Philip Clouts (piana and rehearsal pianist), Phil Makin (trumpet), Fliss Gorst (tenor sax/clarinet/flute), Andy Morel (guitar), Chris Bailey (bass), Bernie Fallon (percussion).

Production team: Jacqui Ward (props mistress), Alan Smart (stage manager), Vanessa Sparkes, Wendy Smart, Steve Daw and Alan Smart (stage crew), Maria Herbert and Lucy Keeler (wardrobe), Nick Good, Chesil Theatre Supplies (lighting); Andrea Hayter (sound), Mike Clarke (scenery painting), Louise Tate (hair and make-up), Pete Ward (health and safety), Nettie Wakley, Mary Bull and friends (chaperones), Yvonne and Dave Matthews, Tony and Jean Glover (front of house), Callam Thom and Joe Bailey (theatre marshalls), Bernie Fallon (publicity), Tom Glover and Andy Morel (photography).

If you would like to know about Marvellous Amateur Dramatics visit their website – www.marvellousamdram.co.uk

HEY HEY SENORITA: Gerry Bearpark and Rachel Hamblett relax into their performance

ALL SMILES: The younger members of the cast clearly had a lot of fun

IN THE LEAD: A Cliff-tastic Tom Glover as Don and Nicky Sweetland as Barbara

JOINING THE B-RIDE: Cast members from Summer Holiday's wedding scene.

CAST members line up for their stage production of the Cliff Richard movie Summer Holiday.

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'Amazing' winter ball at Uplyme

■ DELICIOUS: Natalie Edmeades and Clare Herbert enjoying the choclate fountain

■ DRESSED TO IMPRESS: All glamed up and having a ball

by Francesca Evans

OVER £4,6000 was raised in aid of Force Cancer Charity and Exeter Hospicare at a winter ball in Uplyme.

The ball, held at Uplyme Village Hall on Saturday night, was organised by local girls Lucy Coombe and Jess Chapple and was sponsored by Beviss and Beckinsale Solicitors.

About 250 guests dressed to impress and enjoyed champagne on arrival, a buffet dinner, professional photo-shoots by Focussed Fotos and even a chocolate fountain. There was also a raffle with top prizes donated by local businesses and an auction for a giant candle, worth £200.

Staff from the Talbot Arms in Uplyme managed the bar and entertainment was provided by live band The Real World, followed by Simon Flux's disco.

Miss Coombe said: "It was an amazing night with such a good turnout. Everyone looked great and were all really generous. We made £1,000 on the raffle alone. I couldn't have asked for a better night.

"Jess and I would like to thank Beviss and Beckinsale Solicitors for sponsoring the event, the Talbot Arms for providing the bar and food, and everyone that donated on the night."

■ ALL SMILES: Organisers Lucy Coobe and Jess Chapple

■ PARTY TIME: Cliff Powley and his guests

■ FLYING THE FLAG FOR THE FOOTBALL CLUB: Chairman Howard Larcombe, wife Heather, son Rob and secretary Gerard Hitchcock and his girlfriend Louise

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Protesters waiting for decision on kebab shop

PROTESTERS are waiting anxiously for a decision on a proposed kebab takeaway in Lyme Regis.

West Dorset District Council has received 57 letters of objection against the planning application to turn Lyme's only greengrocers, Cauli & Flowers on Broad Street, into a kebab takeaway open from 11am to 11pm everyday.

Objections came from Lyme Regis residents and the Lyme Regis Society, which aims to protect the natural and architectural beauty of the town, as well as visitors from London, Cambridge and as far afield as Germany.

Lyme Regis Town Council and Environmental Protection have also registered their concerns.

The application is now closed to further comments and a final decision is expected soon.

◆ LYME Regis restaurant The Mad Hatters will be changed into a shop and two houses after being given the go ahead from West Dorset District Council.

The Mad Hatters, which has a flat above, is situated at the top of Broad Street backing onto Sherborne Lane. The owner has deemed the premises financially unviable in its current format and instead plans to create a shop with a small staff room and toilet at the front of the property, with two small two-bedroom houses at the back, accessed from Sherborne Lane.

Lyme Regis Town Council found no objections with the plans, and the application was approved by the district council earlier this month.

Talk on torture for Lyme group

■ CLIVE Stafford-Smith

By John Bartholomew

THE most recent public meeting of The Heritage Coast U3A could scarcely have been more topical in its choice of speaker.

In the week in which the three most senior judges in the land had published a highly critical judgement about the government and the Security Service, Clive Stafford-Smith, founder and Director of the charity "Reprieve" chose "Torture and Secrecy" as the title for his talk at the Woodmead Halls on Monday last.

In essence, making the case that `national security` and therefore the need for secrecy can be made to cover anything and everything that has the power to embarrass government, Mr Stafford-Smith really enlivened a very dark subject by directing a keen sense of ridicule at the perpetrators of torture and the guardians of secrecy.

Citing chilling euphemisms for torture such as "enhanced interrogation techniques" for such atrocities as 'water-boarding' and genital mutilation, our speaker reminded us all that the most effective anti-terrorism weapon we have is the universal enforcement of human rights, a sentiment echoed in her summing up by Pam Shirley, U3A Chair, with the words of Benjamin Franklin: "He that would put security before liberty, deserves neither."

The next meeting, at which Philip White, chief executive of The Hestercombe Trust will talk about: "Bringing A Garden Back To Life", is to be held jointly with The Lyme Regis Society and is at the Woodmead Halls on Tuesday, March 23rd at 2.30 pm.

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Quiz for Air Ambulance

A CHARITY quiz night in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance will be held at Wooton Fitzpaine Village Hall on Saturday, March 6th

The quiz has been organised by the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis. Tickets at £6 each include a hot supper and are available from Bill Taylor on 01297 560081 or any Lyme Regis Rotarian.

Participants should arrive at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

Talk on Shletrbox

THE Cornwall based-charity Shelterbox will be visiting Uplyme for a public talk on Monday, March 15th.

The event has been organised by the Uplyme Ladies Group and will be held in the village hall from 7.30pm.

Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection for Shelterbox, as well as a raffle and refreshments at a small charge.

Thorncombe school news

■ CHILDREN from St Mary's Primary School in Thorncombe have been busy compiling books of poems, pictures and stories about their lives in England for pen pals in Nepal.

St Mary's has been associated with the Ghale Gaon School, 10,000 feet up in the Himalayas, for over nine years, during which students have learnt about one another's cultures.

The project has run in conjunction with local fundraiser Liz Rutter's charitable work in Nepal and St Mary's is now proud to be sponsoring Tek Raj, a Nepalese child at Ghale Gaon.

■ ST MARY'S Primary School in Thorncombe enjoyed fun pancake races to mark the beginning of lent.

The traditional races saw pupils joined by parents and children from the village's Jumping Beans Playschool. Afterwards the students were treated to hot pancakes with syrup and composted the pancakes used for racing.

Ten times mayoress celebrates 80th birthday

SHEILA Applebee, who will go down in the record books as the longest serving Lyme Regis mayoress of all time, has celebrated her 80th birthday.

Mrs Applebee served as mayoress to her husband, the late Dennis Applebee who served as First Citizen for four terms.

She then held the post for the six years that her great friend, Councillor Barbara Austin MBE, served as mayor.

Sheila's birthday was celebrated with a lunch at Uplyme Village Hall on Sunday, attended by over 80 family and friends.

Three former mayors - Mrs Austin, Councillor Sally Holman and Philip Evans - were present at the lunch.

The occasion was organised by her daughter, Sally Chandler, who presented a slide show and commentary on her mother's life.

As well as supporting her husband in his civic and sporting life (Dennis was chairman of Uplyme and Lyme Regis Cricket Club for many years as well as being a county table tennis player), Mrs Applebee has played a full part in the community life of Lyme Regis over the years.

Mr and Mrs Appelbee moved to Lyme from North London to run the former WTA hotel at St Alban's.They also ran bed and breakfast establishments in the town as well as a restaurant in Church Street.

Sheila was a keen member of the Inner Wheel Club of Lyme Regis, now defunct, serving as treasurer and President on two occasions.

She was also five times captain of the ladies section of Lyme Regis Bowling Club.

After an excellent two-course lunch prepared by family and friends, the gathering drank a toast to Mrs Applebee and she cut a specially made 80th birthday cake.

■ SHEILA Applebee cuts her 80th birthday cake surrounded by family members

■ INTREPID: "The Corinthians" Chris Walters, Brian Fletcher, Tony Short and Elliot Dale are preparing to row 2500 across the Atlantic Ocean

Gig club rowers to tackle the Atlantic

by Paul Crompton

A GROUP of Lyme Regis gig rowers are gearing themselves up for an adventure of a lifetime as they prepare for the 2011 Atlantic Challenge race.

Members of the town's Gig Club are looking for sponsors and fundraising ideas as they begin training for the 2,500 mile rowing race from the Canary Islands to the Carribean.

Intrepid explorers Chris Walters, Brian Fletcher, Tony Short and Elliot Dale, known collectively as "The Corinthians", will be rowing 24 hours a day rotating, two hours on, two hours off over a 40 to 55-day duration.

Long distance cyclist Mr Walters from Uplyme had previously tried to organise a team but had failed to secure the necessary funding.

"I've been wanting to do this for a long time, and nearly got there years ago in pairs but finances fell through, so I've been looking for three people to do it with me since," he said.

"Now seems like the time to do it, we've got a pretty good team around us. We've got some finance and we've started training already, which seems ridiculous because it so far away."

The chosen charities are south west based ShelterBox who respond instantly to natural disasters by sending boxes of essential equipment direct to the disaster area.

The groups second charity is the British Heart Foundation, which Mr Walters also wanted to raise funds for after his father died of a heart attack when he was young.

The quintet are due to set out in December 2011 on the race, which was inspired by Chay Blyth and John Ridgeway who rowed out from Cape Cod in 1966 and arrived in Ireland 92 days.

Inspired by this historic crossing the rowing race concept was born. Since it's inauguration in 1997 the WoodVale Challenges Atlantic Rowing Race has enabled over 200 courageous rowers to achieve the ultimate in human endeavour.

The Corinthians said: "As a team we not only desire to achieve our own ambitions, but also wish to support those less fortunate than themselves in the process."

The team are currently looking for sponsorship, fundraising opportunity and donations. If you are inspired by their aims you can find out more by emailing the Corinthian Team Administrator Andrew Pocock at spiritofcorinth@btinternet.com. To make a donation, send to Andrew Pocock, Dovecote, Whalley Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3UP, making cheques payable to Atlantic Challenge 2011, or contact Andrew direct at spiritofcorinth@btinternet.com. If you would prefer, you can contribute direct to the Atlantic Challenge 2011 bank account.

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Let's demonstrate that the young people of Lyme count

■ IN the 'Call for youth club to re-open' piece that appeared on the front page of ***View From Lyme Regis*** last week it was incorrectly stated that I had set up the InSPARation Youth Café.

InSPARation was established under Lyme Regis Development Trust umbrella by a group of local young people, including Councillor Lucy Campbell ably assisted by Geoffrey Mann and Ray Smith. This team pulled together the project and secured the funding which included creating a flat above 17/18 Church Street, the rental income of which helps underpin the running costs of the youth project. My involvement came later when I ceased to be a Trustee and was employed in part to manage, with Ray, the refurbishment and fitting out.

InSPARation youth café was established at a time when the Lyme Regis Club For Young People (Boys Club) was open to provide an alternative where young people could relax, be at ease amongst themselves and to receive advice and guidance if needed.

Managed over the years by a committee of mainly volunteers, despite its small size InSPARation has been a success and now is alone as the only dedicated facility. Which means its often attended by up to 40 young people per evening, a figure representing 8.2 per cent of the 487 young people in the town in the 11 to 25 age group.

Clearly there also needs to be an adequately resourced Youth Club that can cater for a larger percent of local young people and of a size and configured to offer more diverse range of opportunities to meet their differing interests and needs.

The general consensus in Lyme Regis is that this can only be achieved by bringing the LRCYP building (former Boys Club) back into use, in an innovative project, with the active participation of local young people and the Youth Service and Woodroffe School.

The adequate provision of out of school services to local young people has been the most intractable and divisive areas that I've worked in over the eight years of my time with the Trust. There is now a way forward which might finally demonstrate to all that the young people of Lyme Regis do count. I hope that the various decision makers and influencers will join together and seize this opportunity, while it lasts, to do something of which we can all be proud.

Marcus Dixon
Lyme Regis Development Trust

Offering a good and credible service

■ I WOULD just like to correct one or two points made in Philip Evans,- Lyme Matters on February 17th.

Firstly InSPARation Youth Café is open at least two nights per week, not one as stated. As to qualified supervisors, we have a paid worker, funded by the Youth Service who covers the two sessions, myself (a fully qualified youth worker of 20 years experience) and another management committee member, again a fully qualified youth worker, who is currently awaiting her CRB check to come through.

Furthermore, we also have a volunteer who is in the first year of her Youth Work Diploma and is CRB checked.

We currently have a number of projects in the pipeline, including opening another night in the week and are engaging young people in Lyme, via Independent Lyme Youth, to determine the needs and requirements of the young people in the town. We fully support the skate park project and will be assisting by allowing the use of our facilities for meetings and events.

The Connexions Service has recently used our facilities for their Jumpstart programme, which has helped a number of young people in the town.

All in all, for the size of the facility available, we feel that we are offering a good, credible service to the young people of the town. But therein lies our big problem, our facility is, as you noted, too small to service more than a small percentage of the young people. We, as much as anyone, recognise the need for larger premises.

And that leads me on to my final point. At the public meeting, I twice asked the management committee of the Clubs For Young People (ex Boys Club) why they had allowed the building to deteriorate to the point where it, allegedly, needs £250,000 to renovate it and why they were expecting other people to fund that renovation. I'm still awaiting a response!

Lastly, I would like to make a request for people to join our management committee. Regardless of the outcome of the Church Street building, Inspar is going to expand and increase our offering. To do that we need enthusiastic, dedicated committee members, who share our vision and will be willing to offer a small amount of time and expertise each month. Currently we have a meeting once a month, for 2-3 hours, with most members taking away some aspect of the development of the service to bring back at the next meeting. We do not ask more than you are prepared to give and we are an approachable, friendly bunch. If anyone is prepared to join the committee or can offer three hours of their time as a volunteer on club nights, please contact me on 01297445751. Thank you.

Glenn Willis
Chair, InSPARation Youth Cafe

A sense of perspective where young people are concerned

■ IT WAS interesting to read reports of PC Winward saying that an apparent increase in the use of drugs by Lyme's teenagers may be an unintended consequence of police crackdowns on underage drinking last year.

The lead story *(Kids in Drug Craze Alert)* in the Lyme Regis News, together (February 11) with the follow-up double-page spread, may also have an unintended consequence.

I believe that there is an abundance of evidence that such high profile information on drugs can quite easily increase rather than decrease their use, both by young people who were not previously aware of the 'new' ones being described, and by others in whom rebelliousness (a fairly common teenage attribute) is sparked by sensationalist headlines.

If the objective of the Lyme Regis News was to improve safeguarding of young people, it may therefore not actually be helping.

But, if its objective is to sell papers - or to curry favour with powerful local people - by responding to their demands to 'do something', then perhaps they have achieved something.

In the meantime, could the local press publish some numbers to illustrate its claim that teenagers are 'regularly' being found with drugs; and the statement that 'lots' of canisters are being found.

I found it impossible to make even an educated guess from the three pages of reports at how many young people might be involved. Are we talking 1per cent; 5 per cent; 50 per cent; 100 per cent? A sense of perspective on this would surely not go amiss. Frightened parents are probably not the best parents.

Geoffrey Mann,
Woodmead Road,
Lyme Regis

Youth club loan would not be the same as the shelters loan

■ LYME Regis Town Council offers wholehearted support for reinstating a suitable and workable youth facility in the town and applauds the high-level efforts being made by those working hard to lead the way.

However, the assertion made by a contributor at the public meeting (Friday, February 12th) that the council was borrowing £500,000 for the Marine Parade Shelters regeneration in a manner that implied it should instead do the same for a Youth Club is misleading.

The loan for regeneration of the shelters is 'cash neutral' because the intention is for the rent from the two retail/commercial units to repay the interest and capital - and no such income could be generated by a Youth Club to repay the loan.

Councillor Sally Holman,
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Lyme Matters

by Philip Evans

I SHUDDER to think how many hours I have sat in-draughty halls and theatres over the years covering local variety shows, plays, operettas and musicals .

My critiques have not always been appreciated. One member of Lyme Regis Operatic Society, long since passed, was so incensed over one of my reviews that he told me quite forcibly when he saw me in Broad Street that I didn't know the difference between a good song and an elephant's backside.

Whilst the analogy might have escaped me at the time, he was probably right.

In the main, I have enjoyed most of the dozens of shows I have covered and have always been a great admirer of those who have the guts to get up on stage and entertain.

A few years ago local singer and songwriter Steve Black, who appears regularly in Lyme, got together a group of youngsters and formed ARMS (Axe Rock Musical Society).

He produced a number of shows written by himself and coached and coaxed hitherto inexperienced young singers to perform some magnificent shows.

One of them, "Cherkazoo" was so good it nearly made it to the professional stage. I have seen worse in the West End.

I was reminded of these productions when I attended the opening night of "Summer Holiday", the first show to be staged by the Charmouth-based MAD (Marvellous Amateur Dramatics) at Axminster Guildhall.

Here was a group of young people, many of whom had never stepped onto a stage before, discovering new skills and levels of confidence, having a great time and producing a thoroughly entertaining show.

Not once did one of them stumble over their words and despite it being a first night the only hiccup was a slight problem with the microphones.

I'm slightly biased, of course, because the leading role was taken by one of my reporters, the multi-talented Tom Glover. He was great but he wasn't the only success - they all were.

I know how hard Tom and his fellow cast members worked and co-producers Bernie Fallon and Maria Herbert are to be congratulated on achieving such a high standard in their very first show.

I would like to contrast this group of young people with the impression left by recent sensational press coverage (not in this newspaper) of the drugs problem in Lyme Regis.

Coverage that led the headmaster of the Woodroffe School, Dr Richard Steward, to descibe as "hysterical".

The local police reject such criticsim and say such dramatic reporting is necessary to give the parents of Lyme Regis a wake-up call.

No one wishes to underestimate the drugs problem in this town, which is probably no worse or better than our neighbours.

Our police have a very difficult job in educating today's young people about the dangers to which they are exposing themselves.

But I think from time to time we should also publicise the fact that the vast majority of kids in and around Lyme are responsible young citizens, far more so than in my day, and not all of them spend their winter nights sneaking down alleys.

Dennis would have been so proud ...

SUNDAY lunch for Jackie and I was spent at the Uplyme Village Hall where family and friends celebrated the 80th birthday of Sheila Applebee, ten times mayoress of Lyme Regis.

It was a lovely occasion, organised by Sheila's daughter Sally, and great to meet up with some of the cricketers from North London who shared their sporting glories with Sheila's late husband, Dennis.

After moving to the town to run the WTA at St Alban's Dennis soon got involved with Uplyme and Lyme Regis Cricket Club which was going through a very barren period at the time. Dennis was responsibile for reviving a whole generation of young sportsmen's interest in cricket, including my own, and we had two decades of comradeship and unbelievable fun which cemented many lifelong friendships.

Dennis would have loved Sunday's occasion and would have been very proud of how Sally organised the whole day. A real chip off the old block.

Sheila, of course, was no mean sportswoman herself, excelling at table tennis, Dennis' other great love, and being ladies' captain at Lyme Regis Bowling Club on five occasions.

Sheila has given wonderful service to the town over the years and her record of being mayoress on ten occasions, four with Dennis as mayor and six supporting her great friend, Barbara Austin MBE, will never be equalled.

Tributes to 'angel of our youth'

IF there was any doubt about the esteem in which landlord Joe O'Donnell was held by successive generations of young people over the past 40 years, a quick glance at Facebook will confirm the stratespheric level of his popularity.

The tributes are many and touching with a number of ideas being put forward for a permanent memorial.

Journalist Geoff Baker described him, very appropriately, as "the angel of our youth".

Former Lyme resident Dave Hercock, now living in America, spent many a long night at Joe's Ship Inn in his younger days. He has come up with the idea of an inscribed cornet as a prize for young musicians, recognising Joe's great contribution to the reformation of the Lyme Town Band.

Music played a big part in Joe's life, playing in the Rowland Haliday Orchestra as well as his work for the town band.

Playing Auld Lang Syne at midnight on New Year's Eve outside the Ship then at the Volunteer became a ritual for over 30 years.

Joe's other great love was football, of course. He was the Seasiders' number one supporter and the football club committee is considering organising a memorial match at the Davey Fort as close to St Patrick's Day as possible with invitations to some of the old players who Joe admired so much to pull on their boots again.

There will be no lack of takers- but, sadly, there will be no Joe filling the cup afterwards as he did so often over the years. Step forward Tom O'Donnell!

CONGRATULATIONS to Lucy Coombe and Jess Chapple, two local young ladies who organised the winter ball at Uplyme Village Hall on Saturday, raising nearly £5,000 for the FORCE cancer charity and Exeter Hospice, two very worthy causes. It was, by all accounts, a splendid evening with around 250 present, one of the biggest turn- outs at the village hall for a social occasion. I'm told the evening was superbly organised.

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Making his mark with the arts

MARK CULME-SEYMOUR always felt he would like to spend more time carrying out voluntary work for the local community. And after retiring as a comoditiy broker, Mark has fulfilled his dreams by helping to launch the Bridport Literary Festival and as Director of the Eype Centre of the Arts. Here, he tells View reporter TOM GLOVER about his passion for the arts.

MARK Culme-Seymour has been influential in the local cultural scene as a driving force behind the inception of the Bridport Literary Festival and now as Director of the Eype Centre for the Arts.

Mark's passionate support of cultural development in West Dorset is in many ways the realisation of a repressed dream of his youth.

"I remember thinking once on the underground, that I wouldn't mind retiring in my early forties and doing some more charity or voluntary work. I remember that thought crossing my mind on the tube on the way to work and I forgot until I stopped working and now I find myself doing totally voluntary work. Maybe it was planned I don't know," he said.

That thought lay dormant in the back of Mark's mind until the end of his highly successful career as a commodity broker.

Having left school aged 16 Mark moved to Australia to begin a career in the media as a lowly copy boy on the Australian Daily Telegraph.

After working his way onto a small group of newspapers Mark began to get itchy feet and got a job as an unpaid crew member on a Brigantine headed back to England.

After a brief spell as a driver Mark fell back into the media working for a Bond Street based public relations firm.

In less than a year Mark knew this wasn't for him.

He said: "I didn't want to go back into newspapers because of the hours. You are always off work when everybody is at work and I decided I wanted a bit more of a social life."

Mark eventually settled in a career beginning work as a trainee with sugar brokers Czarnikow.

After working as a commodity broker for nine months Mark was moved into the cocoa department.

"After nine months I was in tears," he recalled. "It was so mind-bogglingly repetitive and boring. I went to see them and they said I could go and work for the cocoa department."

Mark was working with the biggest cocoa crop in the world and worked his way onto the futures market as a floor trader.

After ten years Mark moved to the American firm E F Hutton where he soon found himself running the cocoa department.

Mark eventually left the company to pursue his own venture but when the financial climate changed in the late 1980s, he and his partner were forced to sell their business as banks became increasingly reluctant to lend money to commodity houses.

During his time in the industry Mark became Chairman of the Cocoa Association in London and Chairman of the London Cocoa terminal and futures market. He was an influential figure who saw the rules of the cocoa organisation changed and opened up the membership to Europe.

Despite being a long time behind him now, Mark still has a good word to say for his favourite trading commodity.

"I'm not sick of chocolate at all," he said. "It's my favourite thing in the world and I have some everyday. I highly recommend it to everybody. Not the milk stuff but the plain chocolate is very good for you and for your brain, it's full of antioxidants."

After settling in Dorset, and with a successful career behind him, Mark became the director of the Eype Centre for the Arts in 2004, realising the repressed dream from his early days as a London businessman.

The previous director, Dr Ray Shorthouse, had retired and the running of the centre had become highly disorganised and this was something that attracted Mark.

He said: "I went to this meeting and we sat round the table and discussed what was going to happen and who was going to run it. They all looked round and they seemed to be looking at me all the time. There was no organisation and that is something that I am particularly good at, so that's how it all started."

Mark's involvement has seen the centre's membership increase ten fold from 120 to 1,200, calling on his public relations skills honed in the sixties.

A highlight of Mark's time at the centre is undoubtedly his involvement with the launch of the Bridport Literary Festival.

"When I first got involved my brother's partner Josceline Dimblebey had just written a book and was telling me about literary festivals and I thought it sounded like a fantastic way to raise money and it would be interesting for people to come and hear all the authors," said Mark.

He shared his plans with Bridport based author Gijs van Hensbergen whose wife Alex Coulter had recently become chairman of the Bridport Arts Centre.

A few weeks later Mark attended a meeting at the arts centre with artist Tanya Bruce-Lockhart and it was agreed that the Bridport Literary Festival would be launched to coincide with the already established Bridport Prize.

The first festival was a great success and attracted the likes of Louis de Bernières, Elizabeth Jane Howard and Fay Weldon to St Peter's church.

When the literary festival decided to keep all its events within Bridport, the Eype Centre for the Arts started its own festival. It now hosts two festivals a year, in April and October.

Mark said: "Books generally come out in the first half and second half of the year so we thought we would have one in April and then one in October.

"Some people find it a bit strange to have two literary festivals so close together with ours in October and Bridport's in November, but actually it works very well. People like Kate Adie, who we had last year, always draw a full house and I understand that the Bridport event always draws good crowds too."

It's not just the literary world that is attracted to Eype. Mark also launched "Artists of the Jurassic Coast" an exhibition, which attracts around 1,000 people a year during the month of September.

As an international trader, with offices across the continents, Mark is a well travelled man. But for the time being at least, he has found a haven in which he has settled.

"At the end of 2000 I went for a walk down here and looked at all this amazing West Bexington landscape and thought what a wonderful place to have a house.

"I just absolutely love it down here," he said. "I take the dog out and it's an amazing place to live. You've got to like the sea and being slightly apart from everybody but it's completely different from Bridport and Netherbury. All the birds are different, the climate is slightly different; it's very strange."

Mark seems very settled at his home in West Bexington but he does have a tendency to live on the spur of the moment.

He said: "The plan for the future is to live day to day, that is the best way to live. You have to have some vague plan but you never know what's going to happen to you.

"I'd like to carry on out in Eype for a little while longer but I always find I have a threshold of about 10 years and towards the end of that, and sometimes I haven't earned it, I tend to get quite bored.

"I like building things up and I like creating something and that in a way is the challenge, so who knows what I will want to create next. I'm halfway through my memoirs so if I had a bit more time I might be able to finish the second half.

"There are always new things to get involved with and do and it's fun."

Mark is certainly a man who gets things done, but whether he will continue to do that in England is another question.

Mark spent seven years of his childhood in Paris and he is still very fond of France.

He said: "There are times when I go over and French people think I'm French because I have somehow retained the language. I have to say there are times when I think a nice place in Paris wouldn't be too bad, but you never know what's going to happen tomorrow."

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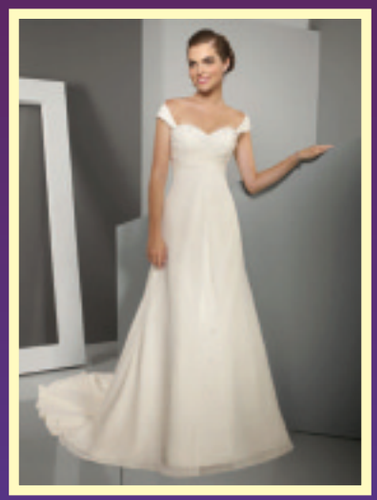

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We also have18 double bedrooms all en-suite and if the bridal couple decide to stay our four poster room is complementary as is the bottle of champagne, for when you close the door.

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Stop in Dorchester for 'a nice cup of something'

■ If you are venturing out to do a bit of shopping in Dorchester this weekend then you'll probably need refreshment break and look for somewhere to buy a nice "cup of something".

Not only does the town have a great selection of shops but if you are looking for somewhere to rest those weary feet and recharge energy levels for the final shopping push, Dorchester is blessed with a superb choice of Cafes and Coffee shops offering a selection of fine foods and beverage to suit all tastes. Here are a selection of highly recommended outlets from which to choose: -

If shopping in South Street there are a number of delightful Cafes close at hand. You can drop into Char Chars for a warm soup and a selection of gluten free produce and on fine days relax and eat alfresco in the outdoor seating area.

The Corner, The Gorge Café and Costa Coffee all serve good coffee and a selection of cakes or you can nip into the historic Nappers Mite for a snack.

If you plan to visit Goulds department store, head upstairs and stop off at Café 11 to enjoy a cup of tea before resuming your shopping. Starbucks Coffee is just across the way and serves a variety of drinks and refreshments including a selection of sandwiches, croissants, cakes and muffins.

On Trinity Street you will find both Noah's Coffee Lounge and Taste.

A recent review describes Taste "as having a great vibe, always busy and the service is brilliant. It also has a great choice of food on the menu and they have a great kids menu with platters of fresh food.

Elsewhere, the Oak Room on Antelope Walk is ideal for morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas. The Oasis located in the Borough Gardens is a great stop off point if you want to grab a quick snack for the family while the children have fun in the park. Or why not try the new Town Mill Bakery next to Waitrose down Tudor Arcade, a great new cafe, come bakery that has recently opened.

And there's more…

A reviewer recently wrote about The Old Tea House on High West St – "I would recommend stopping in this beautiful 'olde worlde' cafe if you are looking for delicious food, generously sized portions, and reasonable prices. The staff are pleasant and helpful, and the place is lovely and clean."

The Horse With The Red Umbrella located opposite the Dorset County Museum has the same welcoming ambiance and serves fantastic cakes and teas.

Potters Cafe Bistro located on the quieter Durngate Street is warm and inviting. The Walnut Grove is located on the same street and is an ideally stop off point if are planning to visit The Dinosaur Museum.

If you are planning to visit Dorchester Market on Wednesdays, then the onsite Cafe is idea for hot food, bacon rolls, cakes or nibbles. There are also loads of cold drinks to choose from to quench your thirst.

With such a wide choice of Cafes in Dorchester to complement the superb shops you can be sure of a warm welcome in Dorchester.

The Horse with the Red Umbrella Tearoom

Great food to eat in or takeaway!

■ THE Horse with the Red Umbrella is located opposite the Dorset County Museum it has a welcoming ambience and serves fantastic homemade cakes, a large selection of sandwiches and also a large selection of hot and cold beverages which can be enjoyed either sat in or to take away. For early birds visiting the town for their shopping or if you are on your way to work why not pop in to the Tearoom and enjoy one of their Breakfasts to kick start your day.

The Old Tea House

Spooky company for high tea?

■ Built in 1635, this Grade II listed building is one of the oldest in the town and was the Abbot's residence. It has been a tea room since 1902 and has been superbly and sympathetically renovated by the current owners, Derek and Deborah Dalley, including the refurbishment of the old gas lamps which still work.

They also found a copy of the Abbot's Bible with a 15th century cover over a 12th century manuscript, lodged up the main chimney.

Derek is a chef and prepares most of the food which he tries to source from local farms and producers in the country. All of the cakes and scones are baked fresh every morning, and they serve good, hearty breakfasts from 7.30am to 10.00am.

As well as the traditional 'cream teas' there is always homemade soup of the day, a wide selection of sandwiches and hot baguettes and a daily 'specials' board.

The building is also a favourite for paranormal investigators and is said to be one of the most haunted places in England!

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Oak Tea Rooms

■ The Duke of Monmouth landed at Lyme Regis on the 11th June 1685 to challenge King James' claim to the throne, following the death of Charles II. He assembled an army in excess of 3000 men and marched to Sedgemoor in Somerset.

He was defeated by the King's army in less than a month. Around 1300 were taken prisoner. Five Judges came to Dorchester with the infamous Judge Jeffreys, whose reputation was that of the 'hanging judge'.

In September 1685, 312 cases were heard in the Oakroom at the rear of the Antelope Hotel; of these 292 were sentenced to death. Only 74 were executed, with 175 transported, 9 were fined or whipped and 54 were discharged.

Judge Jeffreys – having his eye on promotion – was later made Lord Chancellor.

When King James fell and William of Orange landed in Torbay, Jeffreys was captures and imprisoned in the Tower of London. He died in 1689 while awaiting trial, probably of natural causes. Rumours at the time said he has been poisoned while in the Tower and that his body had been returned to Dorchester and walled up in the Courtroom – now the Oakroom.

This 17th Century Oak panelled room has been carefully restored to maintain its character and original features.

Today it is called The Oakroom and is a delightful tearoom, with a peaceful, tranquil atmosphere, replicating the style and service of a Lyons Corner House.

The Oakroom of today serves a variety of light meals throughout the day, lunches and of course, Dorset Clotted Cream Teas.

La Caverna

■ Housed in the cellar of a former grain store in Icen Way, La Caverna is a family-run restaurant that offers a unique dining experience.

"The Cav", as it is affectionately referred to by its staff and many regular customers, was established in 1993 by Franco Saluci and his wife Alison. Over the last seventeen years they have built up a loyal and regular customer base thanks to Franco`s unerring ability to produce delicious, well-presented food, and the warmth and efficiency of Alison`s front-of-house staff, together with the cosy and intimate surroundings.

The walls of this cellar restaurant are adorned with murals depicting the Creation of Adam and others from Michelangelo`s paintings in the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

Franco himself hails from the south-western tip of Sicily, a region renowned for its robust, fresh food; his extensive menu features recipes handed down from his mother and other relatives, as well as more traditional Italian food and some modern dishes devised by himself, with much of the food locally sourced.

For anyone who appreciates good, honest food and friendly service, this restaurant is well worth a visit. La Caverna is open Monday-Saturday 6.30pm-10.00pm.

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Dorset County Museum

New exhibition opens

■ A new exhibition opens at Dorset County Museum on Saturday 27 February and runs until 24 April. Entitled Dorset Footprint, it showcases recent works by Dutch artist, Peter Ursem who has won wide acclaim for his distinctive woodcuts, lino cuts and woodengravings of the Dorset landscape. In Dorset Footprint, Peter depicts the landscape as seen on foot; undeniably the Dorset landscape has left its impression in his work and being. This is a sales exhibition and entry is free.

You may have read about the great efforts being made by Dorset County Museum and others to raise funds to buy a collection of rare Hardy Manuscripts. On Friday 12 March at 7.30pm The New Hardy Players are presenting a special evening of entertainment at the Museum as their contribution towards the fund. As the manuscripts include some detailed accounts of Thomas Hardy and his work with the original Hardy Players, the event will be particularly poignant and Norrie Woodhall, the sole survivor of the original Hardy Players, will be taking part in the evening, health permitting. The event, entitled Hardy's Night: Chapter and Verse, will include poetry, prose, music and humour. Tickets cost £12.50 and include Dorset apple cake and apple cider punch.

Finally, for those interested in the UK's amazing marine environments, there will be a presentation entitled Our Changing Seas on Friday 26 March at 7.30pm. Emma Rance, Marine Officer of the Dorset Wildlife Trust, will be talking about how our seas and sea life have changed in the last few centuries. Tickets for this talk cost £5 and are available now from the Museum.

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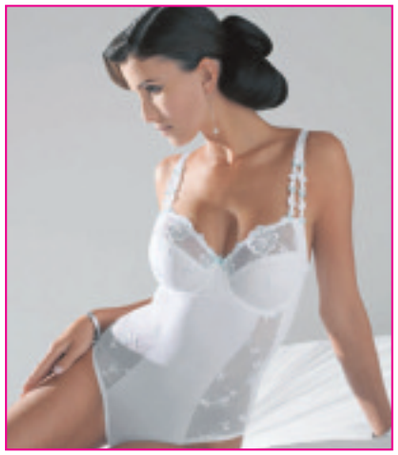

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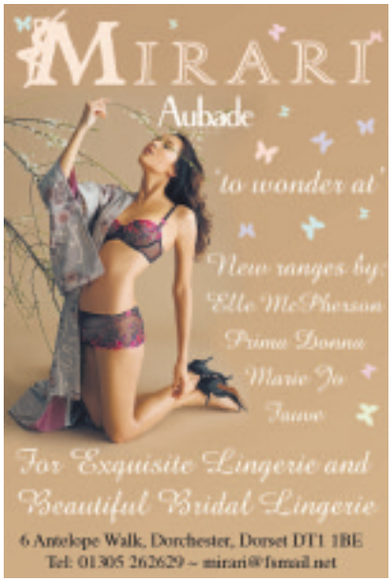

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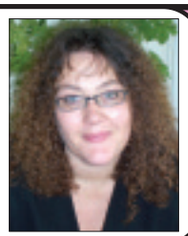

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A well proportioned light 3 bed property near the centre of the village with sep garage and enclosed gardens.

- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Southerly Garden
- Garage and Parking

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Charming detached bungalow in need of modernisation with large gardens and coastal views on the western edge of village

- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Mature Large Gardens
- Single Garage
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CHARMOUTH - £245,000

Originally the old Coach & Horses Inn, this immaculately presented and spacious first floor apartment, is within easy walking distance of the village shops and Charmouth beach.

- Entrance Lobby
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- Lounge
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Parking

CHARMOUTH - £220,000

A unique quaint 2 Bed detached cottage set back from the road through a coaching arch in need of renovation

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LYME REGIS - £345,000

- Entrance Hall
- Sitting Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Utility/Rear Lobby
- Three Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Further Bedroom And En-Suite Cloakroom
- Driveway
- Garage
- Gardens
- Swimming Pool

LYME REGIS - £650,000

- Established guest house
- 1920's detached property
- Popular location close to the town
- Self-contained annexe / owners' accommodation
- 6 letting rooms with facilities
- Residents lounge and dining room
- Newly fitted kitchen with built-in appliances
- Breakfast room and sun lounge
- Sea and woodland views
- Ample parking and double garage
- Front and rear garden
- Gas CH and Double glazing

LYME REGIS - £25,000

Accessed over wooden decked area. 3.05m x 1.95m (10' x 6' 5") Double doors give entry to the living area 2.39m x 1.83m (7' 10" x 6') with wall cupboard and unit under. Full width bench seat with storage under.

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UPLYME - £695,000

- Mediterranean style detached house
- Delightful, elevated location
- Impressive, panoramic views down the Lym Valley to the sea
- Drawing room
- Conservatory & sun deck
- Utility & Study
- Master bedroom suite with en-suite bathroom
- 2 further bedrooms
- Guest suite with en-suite shower room
- Roof terrace with panoramic views
- Double car port

UPLYME - £245,000

- Period terraced cottage
- Accommodation over three floors
- Living room with wood burning stove
- Large lower ground floor kitchen/dining room
- Bedroom 3 / study
- Two first floor bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Courtyard garden

ROUSDON - £745,000

- Individual spacious house
- Village setting close to Lyme Regis
- Potential annexe / B&B
- 5 bedrooms, 3 en-suite
- Large living room
- Family kitchen / breakfast room
- Dining hall and study
- uPVC double glazed conservatory
- Approx. half acre landscaped garden
- Additional 3.75 acre paddock
- Detached double garage
- Gravelled driveway and parking

RAYMONDS HILL - £395,000

- Individual detached property
- Recently extended
- Spacious & flexible accommodation
- Surrounded by large & level gardens
- Living room with multi fuel stove
- Study & conservatory
- Two downstairs bedrooms (1 en-suite)
- Three first floor bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Detached single garage
- Ample driveway parking
- Walking distance to local amenities

UPLYME - £395,000

- Entrance hall
- Cloakroom
- Living room
- Kitchen/dining room
- Utility room
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- 3 further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gardens
- Integral garage

LYME REGIS - £560,000

- Entrance hallway
- Cloakroom
- Study
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Utility room
- Master bedroom
- Four further bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Double garage
- Gardens

LYME REGIS - £43,995

Style Inn is probably the premier hairdressing salon in Lyme Regis and certainly the longest established. It is sold as a going concern to include all high quality fixtures and fittings. It is located in a prime position just off the main shopping street in a select and quaint shopping precinct.

LYME REGIS - £275,000

- Sitting Room
- Dining Room/Bedroom 3
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- En Suite Bathroom
- Shower Room
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- Garage, Garden & Parking
- Lovely Village Setting

THORNCOMBE - £189,950

- Spacious & Bright Apartment
- Central Village Location
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Large lounge
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Private Roof Garden
- Large Garage & Parking
- Very Well Presented

BRIDPORT £199,950

- Charming Three Storey Cottage
- About Half a Mile from Town
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Spacious Open Plan Living
- Open Fire in Lounge
- Garden to the Rear

VIEW OF THE MARKET

Are you contemplating a move? If you are, you're in good company. Many people are thinking about moving at the moment and getting their property valued but not many are making the final decision to go on the market. This leaves agents fighting over the few available as we all need property on our books after a very good Autumn in 2009 when we all sold most of our stock. The enthusiasm that was evident amongst buyers in the Autumn sadly seems to have declined somewhat with the Christmas break and the snow, the focus has moved from houses to other issues. Even the news that we were officially out of recession didn't seem to give anyone a boost. Those chocolate box cottages that rarely come onto the market are still selling and as usual, Lyme Regis is still very much in demand especially with very little on the market there. However, if all the people that were having valuations at the moment did put their properties up for sale (I hasten to add - at a realistic asking price), it could jolly the market on a bit as each of those owners would also be buyers (well most of them anyway). This would not only inject fresh property choice for those buyers that have lost interest but it would also show a little more confidence in the market. The papers report the London market moving but not much elsewhere, so why don't we start our own little revolution? We live in a beautiful area and so many people want to come here and live the life we already lead, with less of the rat race pushing us from day to day, so we really have something special to offer. Why don't we show it off a little?

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- Garage & Small Gardens

LYME REGIS

BRIDPORT - £169,500

- Two Bedroom Terraced House
- Half a Mile Walk to Town
- Terraced Garden
- Allocated Parking
- uPVC Double Glazing
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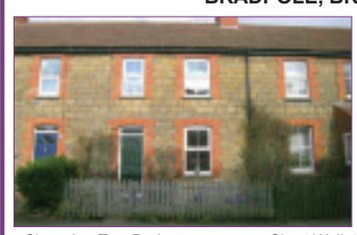
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Good Views from Rear

BRADPOLE, BRIDPORT - £205,000



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View 2 Music

Was that really the best of British?

AND so the UK music industry's self-congratulatory back-slapping fest that is the Brits is over for another year. And what a disappointment. Again.

To be fair, host Peter Kay didn't do a bad job of emceeing the event, but he clearly didn't take the evening's proceedings with any level of seriousness whatsoever. I mean, no one wants the sort of sycophantic antics you see at the Grammys, but if the host doesn't care, why on earth should the audience?

He looked a tad uncomfortable in his stylish Sixties cut suit but made a few good jokes, confusing boy band JLS with DFS (those fine purveyors of sofas and cushions) and quipping that star of the night Lady Gaga came close to even winning the award for Best International Male (a gag clearly not lost on those who've heard those rumours).

For an event that's meant to celebrate the best in British music, it said a lot that the best performance of the night was undoubtedly by a pair of Yanks. And just to rub it in they were singing a tune about New York! Alicia Keys and Jay-Z were quite simply on top of their game.

So who did we have to compete? How about the supposed nation's new sweetheart, Cheryl Cole? What a joke! This is a woman who has made her name judging on a TV show that's all about singing live in front of an audience. Not only did she prove she can't sing, but also that she can't mime. I've seen films that have been dubbed sync up better than Cheryl did last Tuesday night.

OUTSHINING THE BRITS | Jay-Z and Alicia Keys' performance was better than anything home-grown talent could come up with at last week's awards show

Liam Gallagher's appearance on the show did nothing but prove wrong the very small minority of people who didn't already think the man was a complete and utter idiot. He picked up some contrived award for best album of the last 30 years (for the Oasis LP *(What's The Story) Morning Glory?*) and thanked everyone apart from his estranged brother Noel – who, of course, only played the minor role of composing every song on the record – and then lobbed both his Brit and microphone into the crowd.

Host Peter Kay called Gallagher "a k***head" as he left the stage, resulting in a war of words over the next few days with Liam accusing Kay of not being a real northerner on Twitter and Kay responding by calling Liam "a k***head" once again through his own web site. Want to liven up a staid corporate event with a bit of controversy? Give Liam Gallagher a call.

The Outstanding Contribution award – the supposed highlight of the evening and an honour previously given to the likes of Paul McCartney and The Who – was presented to Robbie Williams. Yes, Robbie Williams. The alien bothering has-been whose idea of entertainment is holding out his mic to the crowd and telling them to 'sing it'.

A great songwriter. Legendary vocalist. A virtuoso of the guitar. These are the sort of attributes that candidates for this once prestigious award should have. Not some bloke that might pass as a good turn down the pub on a Saturday night.

What with last year's winners of the award the Pet Shop Boys plugging sponsors Mastercard – are they really that short of cash? - at either end of the ad breaks, I'm amazed I got through the whole show.

Best of British? Give me strength.

by James Coles

MASTER MUSICIANS WILL TELL NO LIES

TWO masters of their own musical genres join forces at the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis on March 11th when Justin Adams and Juldeh Camara combine in an evening described as part blues, part world music. This is a concert celebrating their album Tell No Lies where the deep roots of African music nourish the raw electric groove of rock and roll, where Gnawa spirit rhythms come up against Chicago distortion, where snaky N'awlins rhythm has a West London howl, and a Sahel Wail.

Juldeh Camara is an African Master Musician, taught to play by his blind father, who himself was taught directly by the djinn. Playing the ritti, a one-stringed fiddle and West African ancestor of the violin, he participated as a griot (a West African poet, praise singer and repository of oral tradition) in traditional Fula society. Juldeh has the drive and effortless flow of a great Bluesman. While his instrument brings to mind Delta players like Big Joe Williams, as well as Ali Farka Touré, there is a lilt in his playing that hints at the ancient links between North Africa and the Celtic World. He describes magical shapes on his ritti; one minute it's Blues harp, the next a Celtic fiddle, then a Saharan herdsman's flute.

COLLABORATING | Justin Adams and Juldeh Camara

Justin Adams has been at the cutting edge of world music alchemy since the 1990's with Jah Wobble, Robert Plant (Adams co-wrote The Mighty Rearranger), Natacha Atlas, The Festival of the Desert, and Tinariwen (producing their first and third albums). Taking influences from African, Arabic and Irish traditions as well as rock and roll and the Blues, his distinctive, driving guitar style is the missing link between Bo Diddley and Munir Bashir. With Tell No Lies, his collaboration with Juldeh Camara, Adams delves deeper into the African origins of black American music, following the roots of New Orleans and Mississippi soul right back to the Songhai, Fulani and Toureg peoples of West Africa.

Justin and Juldeh have been playing together for two years, following the release of the critically acclaimed "Soul Science" in 2007 (winner of the BBC Radio 3 World Music Award in the Crossing Continents category), touring at festivals in Siberia, Mexico City, Morocco and WOMAD. The touring experience has clearly brought them closer together as musicians and added to the unique nature of their musical style. Over time the two musicians have naturally fused their styles and begun to create a musical language of their own, where it becomes difficult to see if Justin is becoming more African or Juldeh more Western.

Marine Theatre Creative Director Ian Stephens said: "This is going to be a fascinating evening. People won't be sure whether to sit back and admire the musicianship of these two wonderful players, or get up and dance to the African rhythms. We're looking to develop more original and varied music at the Marine Theatre, and we're really fortunate to attract two such widely-admired artistes."

Justin Adams and Juldeh Camara take to the stage at the Marine Theatre on Thursday, March 11th. Doors open at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £12 in advance from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138, or online at www.marinetheatre.org.uk, or £14 on the door.

Family History events for West Dorset

A SERIES of new family history courses are planned at Marsh Barn for the spring.

A Beginners course – Getting back to 1837 will take place on Saturday March 6th. Pre 1837 Records Saturday March 13th and April 17th. A new Intermediate – Refresher course is planned for March 15th.

New specialist courses on Organising, Writing up and Presenting your Family History on Monday April 26th, Researching Scottish and Irish Ancestors Monday May 10th and Researching Military Ancestors Monday May 17th.

All courses run from 10.00am – 4.00pm, tea and coffee is provided and we have a break for lunch. There is plenty of parking at Marsh Barn. Day courses are £20.00 and two day courses £40.00.

The Wednesday courses start again 17 March.

If you are interested in any of the courses more information can be obtained from the Local History Centre, Gundry Lane, Bridport Library, Bridport Tourist Information Centre and the Bookshop or from the tutor on 01308 425710 or janefhistory@aol.com

New exhibition at Dorset County Museum

A NEW exhibition opens at Dorset County Museum this Saturday (February 27th) entitled Dorset Footprint. It showcases recent works by Dutch artist Peter Ursem and runs until April 24th.

Peter was born in the Netherlands and graduated in Drawing, Painting and Printmaking from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in The Hague. Since moving to England in 1999 he has won wide acclaim with distinctive woodcuts, lino cuts and wood engravings of the Dorset landscape. He was awarded Arts Council grants for 'Reflections, a book of woodcuts of the river Stour' (2001) and 'Intimate Space, Artist Face' (2005), exploring in poetry and woodcuts the motifs of eight Dorset artists.

Dorset Footprint depicts the landscape as seen on foot, finding that whilst as an artist he may look to leave his mark in the world, undeniably the Dorset landscape has left its impression in his work and being. Many of the works are for sale and entry is free.

To complement the exhibition, Peter is also running two workshop events. The first, on Wednesday April 7th, is suitable for children aged 4 years and older and costs £3 per child. Entitled 'Bumblebee Celebrates his Birthday' it will present an imaginative drawing and painting workshop for children (and their parents or carers) to create an original animal story book. Two sessions are available: 10 – 11.30am and 2 – 3.30pm.

The second event, Pressing On, is in the form of a master class and will be held on Thursday April 15th between 11am and 3pm. Peter will demonstrate how to create and print contemporary relief prints using the Reynolds Stone hand press in the Museum. Everyone is welcome to this free event.

Forest Forge present Free Folk

FOREST Forge brings you the world premiere of a quirky new play by the award-winning playwright Gary Owen. Free Folk is a black comedy about living in a free country but never being able to do what you really want to.

Set in a forest it follows the lives of five very different people an old lady, a young couple, an outsider, and a thief - thrown together on a dark and stormy night. Each explores their own lives as they plunder their memories in an attempt to reveal the answer to what makes a home for them.

They must question themselves and the others as they unpick the baggage that has shackled them to their current circumstances for good or for ill.

There is Pearl who simply wants to be left alone and independent in the house she grew up in but her son wants her to be sensible and move to a nursing home.

Tim is in love with a girl called Hannah and he dreams of settling down with her forever.

But Hannah has other ideas and wants to see the world from behind the wheel of her imaginary camper van.

Then there is Karen, a teacher, an outsider who only wishes to get home before dark but the Forest has other ideas.

And finally there is Shaun who is just a loveable rogue who wants to make a few extra quid by getting up to mischief.

Then again he may be a lot less loveable than his outward appearance would suggest.

Free Folk is at the Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, on Thursday, March 4th at 8pm. Call the box office on 01308 424204. Tickets priced at £10, £9 Supporters, £8 students and concs.

The Free Folk show will also be in Drimpton on Tuesday, March 2nd at the Village Hall.

Bridport Youth Dance present SHUNT

FOLLOWING on from last years successful showcase SHUNT is an exciting collaborative production by Nikki Northover with award winning performer Niki McCretton and composer Andrew Dickson. Additional choreography is by Nikki Penfold of Influx dance company, Louise Turner and and street dancer and choreographer Xavi Monreal.

Performances take place from tomorrow Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th 2010 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £9 for adults and £6 for students.

Bridport Youth Dance is supported by ridport Arts Centre, West Dorset District Council, Bridport Lions, Bridport Rotary, Brit Valley Rotary, The Wakeham Trust, Bridport Police Ball and West Dorset District Community Fund.

To book your tickets phone BAC box office on 01308 424204

Andrew Clover: Dad Rules

FATHERHOOD: An unknown land full of fear, trepidation and nappies. What man could possibly resist? Few it seems (the evidence being all around us, especially when you are trying to have a quiet drink in a pub). It is from this position of abject horror that Andrew Clover sets off on a journey of discovery (and nits) into the brave new world of fatherhood.

He is - he freely admits not one of life's natural nurturers. Indeed he ponders on what will happen to his well-ordered existence. And yet despite his very best efforts to ignore his wife's calls for two to become three and eventually four, and then five, he rises to the challenge.

And suddenly like a veil of fog being lifted all appears to make sense fatherhood is indeed an unknown land but one of wonder, joyfulness and errr nits (there is no escaping them apparently).

Readers of the Sunday Times will need no introduction to Dad Rules, Clover's amusing outlook on parenting from a very male perspective as this is the stage version of his popular column and recently published book.

The Perrier Award nominee, My Almost Famous Family star and Ashes to Ashes regular is full of hilarious routines, feel good tales, and raucous stand-up.

As the man himself explains: "A lone man wearing a toddler's frilly princess pants on his head is a freak. A man with a kid doing the same: a good dad."

Andrew Clover: Dad Rules is at the Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, on Friday, March 5th at 8pm. Call the box office on 01308 424204. Tickets priced at £10, £9 Supporters, £8 concs.

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View 2 TV

Who will be new X Factor judge?

SPECULATION is mounting over who will replace Dannii Minogue as one of this year's this year's X Factor judges.

Dannii, who is expecting her first child in July, has confirmed she will be in Australia when the show begins filming later this year.

Speaking at the Elle Style Awards, Dannii said: "I will totally miss Cheryl and Louis and Simon, and not being there for the auditions, but I really need to be near my family in Australia at such an important time."

She insisted, however, that she's keen to be a part of this year's show, even in a limited capacity.

"I don't know what is happening with X Factor," Dannii added. "I just adore it and I had such a fun time last year. I'd love to be part of it somehow, even if I just pop back and visit."

Celebrities including Mel B, Katherine Jenkins, Kelly Rowland and Eminem have all reportedly expressed an interest in becoming a guest judge on the show.

GAVIN & Stacey star James Corden is set for a cameo role in the next series of Doctor Who.

His forthcoming appearance on the cult BBC series was revealed after he was seen reading a script on a train to Cardiff.

No details yet on what part James might be playing but a Dr Who fan saw the actor running over his lines and quizzed him about the part. James then apparently confirmed that he would be appearing.

Bill Nighy and Sophie Okenedo will also have guest starring roles in the first series for new Doctor, Matt Smith, due to air this Easter.

DID anyone else think that Olympic swimmer Sharron Davies looked totally out of her comfort zone in "Dancing On Ice"?

The statuesque Olympian, I thought, looked slightly embarrassed by some of the skimpy costumes she had to wear. Her height and highly toned physique did not make for a very eloquent sight on occasions.

But she did stand up to acerbic judge Jason Gardiner who comments often went beyond constructive criticism and strayed into sheer rudeness. On occasions I thought the Plymouth-born swimmer was going to lamp him.

When she finally skated out of the Sunday night spectacle I thought she looked rather relieved.

by Philip Evans

OUT OF HER DEPTH | Sharron Davies looks on with relief as she leaves Dancing on Ice

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View 2 Cinema

The Hurt Locker wins big at the BAFTAs

WAR thriller "The Hurt Locker" (15) swept the British Academy Film and Television Awards (BAFTAs) held at London's Royal Opera House on Sunday night.

The film, which follows the United States Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal team during the Iraq War, won best film and best director for Kathryn Bigelow, as well as awards for original screenplay, cinematography, editing and sound.

Colin Firth walked away with the leading actor award for his performance in "A Single Man" (12A), which tells the story of a man grieving the loss of his long-term partner, whilst Carey Mulligan was hailed leading actress for "An Education" (12A) – a coming of age story about a teenage girl in the 1960s.

The prestigious Academy Followship was awarded to Vanessa Redgrave, member of the well-known Redgrave family of actors and star of over 80 films as well as more than 35 shows in London's West End and on Broadway. She was presented with her award by actress Uma Therman and HRH Prince William of Wales, who has recently been made the academy's fifth president.

If you missed this year's BAFTAs, you can catch up online using BBC iPlayer at www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer.

BRENDON Fraser, Harrison Ford and Keri Russell star in "Extraordinary Measures" (PG), inspired by the true story of John Crowley, who defied the odds to pursue a cure for his children's life-threatening disease.

John (Fraser) and Dr Robert Stonehill (Ford) team up to create a bio-tech company working on a cure, but the pair's relationship is tested under pressure and could affect the future of John's children. *Released Friday, February 26th*

ROMANTIC comedy "Leap Year" (PG) follows Anna (Amy Adams) who is fed up of waiting for her boyfriend Jeremy (Adam Scott) to propose so decides to follow him on a trip to Dublin and traditionally pop the question herself on February 29th.

But when Anna finds herself stranded on the wrong side of Ireland, she has to rely on the help of Declan (Matthew Goode), and suddenly she's not so sure about her feelings for Jeremy. *Released Friday, February 26th*

TIMOTHY Olyphant and Radha Mitchell star as a small town American couple in "The Crazies" (15) – a reinvention of George Romero's horror classic.

When a mystery toxin in the water supply turns their friends, family and neighbours into mindless killers, David and Judy Dutton are deserted by the authorities and left to their own resources in a struggle for survival. *Released Friday, February 26th*

by Francesca Evans

THE CRAZIES | (l-r) Brett Rickaby, Timothy Olyphant and Radha Mitchell star in the horror classic remake

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The Princess and the Frog (U)
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The Lovely Bones (12A)
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Percy Jackson The Lightning Thief (PG)
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Extraordinary Measures (PG)
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Leap Year (PG)
Fri/Sat: 13.40, 16.00, 18.20, 20.40
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The Crazies (15)
Fri/Sat 13.50, 16.20, 18.50, 21.20
Sun-Thu: 13.20, 15.50, 18.20, 20.50
The Lovely Bones (12A)
Fri/Sat: 14.30, 17.30, 20.30
Sun-Thu: 13.30, 16.30, 19.30
The Princess and the Frog (U)
Fri-Thu: 14.00, 16.20
Plus Sat/Sun: 11.45
Valentine's Day (12A)
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Plus Sat/Sun: 11.15
From Paris with Love (15)
Fri-Thu: 18.30, 20.45
Solomon Kane (15)
Tue-Thu: 18.40, 21.00
The Wolfman (15)
Fri/Sat 21.30
Sun-Thu: 20.30
Alvin and the Chipmunks 2: The Squeakuel (U)
Sat/Sun: 10.45
Astro Boy (12A)
Sat/Sun: 10.30
Planet 51 (12A)
Sat: 10.05
UP (U)
Sat: 10.10
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DRINK UP THY ZIDER AT THE SEASIDE

THOSE scrumpy-swigging Wurzels are back in Dorset this March with a concert at Weymouth Pavilion.

The band, famous for songs including 'Combine Harvester', 'Blackbird' and 'Drink up thy Zider', are playing the concert in the Ocean Room at the Pavilion, with Finnian McGuirk fronting the show. The show is in aid of Weymouth's Charity boat for the disabled, 'M.V. Freedom'.

The show starts at 7pm, and tickets are £13.50, available from the Pavilion.

Trio FLYRIGHT into Dorset

WITH a fresh new line up, Jonty Fisher's Flyright Trio returns to Dorset this March to inject more jazz fever!

Following on from the success of last year's Artsreach tour, bassist Jonty Fisher returns, this time with pianist Naadia Sheriff and guitarist Chris Allard. The trio perform their own unique arrangements, including three-part vocal harmonies, combining virtuosity and swinging rhythm with infectious joie de vivre to perform a lively evening of classic jazz. The band pay homage to the late Nat 'King' Cole and also perform classic jazz standards from the Great American Songbook, including Cole Porter, Gershwin and Berlin.

Jonty Fisher is a prolific composer and bassist; a regular on the London music scene. Having played at many of the UK's premier events and venues, his time is punctuated by extensive world touring as well as film, radio, television and recording appearances. Jonty is a member of the critically acclaimed world music band Deva, and he has also appeared with Liane Carroll, Jacqui Dankworth and Don Rendell.

Since graduating from her Postgraduate Degree at Guildhall School of Music and Drama in 2002 Naadia Sheriff has been busy working as a performer, teacher (York University) and musical director ('Live' and a recent stint on 'The Rat Pack' European tour). Naadia has performed extensively across the UK as a leader or as a sideman with – among others – Jim Mullen, Alan Barnes and Steve Waterman. She has been the soloist for the New English Orchestra and the London Jazz Orchestra featuring Alec Dankworth and Paul Clarvis.

Born into a musical family, Chris Allard studied jazz and classical guitar at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama (London), and later studied at the Malmo Conservatoire (Sweden). He has performed with Jacqui Dankworth, Jamie Cullum, Sir John Dankworth & Dame Cleo Laine, Steve Waterman and Dave O Higgins, amongst others. Chris has performed at a wealth of top jazz venues, including Ronnie Scotts, the Royal Festival Hall, Barbican Centre, London Old Vic, Royal Academy of Music and the Royal Academy of Arts, and many other venues in Britain and around Europe. Chris' many festival performances include Giverny Festival, Edinburgh Festival, and Montreux Jazz Festival, where he was a finalist in the Montreux Jazz Guitar Competition.

Chris has been involved in leading workshops for the National Youth Jazz Orchestra and coaching sessions at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Calling all jazz lovers – don't miss the trio at Broadwindsor Comrades Hall, Friday, March 5th, 7.30pm. Telephone 01308 868582 for more details or tickets.

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FRIENDLY FIRES TO HEADLINE CAMP BESTIVAL

More new names also announced for the Lulworth-based Festival

ROB Da Bank and co have just announced a new set of names for this summer's spectacular festival, Camp Bestival.

Kicking off on July 30th and running until August 1st, Camp Bestival, winner of the 2009 Family Festival Award, is set to surpass the dizzy heights of last year's festival as they continue their pursuit of the perfect Great British holiday vibe, with a multitude of amusements for all the family to relish for a whole wondrous weekend.

Friendly Fires will be headlining the main Castle Stage on Sunday night of this year's event. Having already been nominated for two BRIT Awards in 2010, the much lauded three-piece will put the icing on the cake at Camp Bestival with a sublime set of anthemic, disco-flecked dream-pop that is sure to illuminate their sheer mind-blowing greatness for all to see.

Musical manoeuvres continue with timeless troubadour Marc Almond who will be digging deep to give us all his solo and Soft Cell favourites. Dorset resident and quintessentially English firebrand Billy Bragg whose previous Camp Bestival outing was staggeringly good will return for a rematch. The irrepressible Blockheads are chomping at the bit to ramp up the pub-funk for the Lulworth crowd, Chicago's incredible Hypnotic Brass Ensemble are set to blow you away and Icebreaker featuring BJ Cole will perform Brian Eno's Apollo. Playing all the greatest hits from his much-missed previous duo, Chas and his Band are going to Rock, Rabbit and Roll, Example's breezy summer hip-pop is sure to beguile, the incomparable Wurzels come back to Camp Bestival for their second cider-fueled excursion, enigmatic Mancunians Hurts will be revealing their glacial cool, and indie-rockers Field Music will showcase tracks from their brand-new third album. There's also going to be the sunshine vibes of Sunday Best's Lucky Elephant, some kiddy-disco-punk from Kid Carpet, Leeds 9-piece Gentleman's Dub Club, the effervescent Pete and The Pirates, Israeli funksters The Apples, bluegrass tainted jazz from Nell Bryden, Gallic electro-swingers Caravan Palace, live jive from The J-Cats, alt-folk with The Boy Who Trapped The Sun, the exquisite Laura J Martin, Irish acoustic duo The Lost Brothers, the euphoric Colour-music and BBC Radio 2's Folk Singer Of The Year, Chris Wood.

The queen of Radio 1's Friday night output, Annie Mac, brings her outstanding Annie Mac Presents night to Dorset's picturesque surrounds. Other selectors lining up behind the ones and twos across the weekend will include the tea-loving eclecticism of the inimitable Mr Scruff, Grammy Award winning uber-producer and all-round maverick William Orbit, bass-wobbling deck technicians Jack Beats, God's Jukebox genius Mark Lamarr, another Grammy winning producer this time in the form of Nigel Godrich, sub-bliss merchant Joy Orbison, the epic Jakwob, original jammer Mistajam and the effortlessly sultry sinewave siren Cooly G.

FRIENDLY FIRES

Cerebral indulgences are also well and truly catered for in the East Lulworth Literary Institute with The Hip-hop Shakespeare Company ('THSC'). Founded by MOBO-award winning hip-hop artist Akala, THSC explores the social, cultural and linguistic parallels between the works of William Shakespeare and that of modern day rappers. Hip Hop Shakespeare Live will feature undiscovered young talent and big names from music, theatre and film, all performing a medley of songs inspired by reinterpreted scenes, themes and quotes from famous Shakespeare plays. Having already launched the project with special guest co-host Sir Ian Mckellen, it's anybody's guess who will join Akala for this fantastic display of deft performance and audience participation. There will also be OperaUpClose presenting an exclusive festival performance of their fantastic version of La Boheme. Transporting Giacomo Puccini's famous opera from the Bohemian Paris of the 1830s to a vibrant modern day North London, OperasUpClose's inaugural production has been conceived to make La Boheme a ceral, funny, accessible and emotionally engaging for audiences now as at its first performance in 1896.

The East Lulworth Literary Institute programme of enlightenment is also taking shape nicely with its How To interview sessions that will lay bare the mysterious world of the arts for all to see. Joining Andrea Arnold (who has just announced she will be directing a new version of Wuthering Heights) discussing How To Be A Film Director and DJ Derek who will expand upon How To Be DJ Derek, will be erstwhile Cocteau Twin and Bella Union big cheese Simon Raymonde who will be discussing How To Run A Record Label, whilst Nigel Godrich, often credited unofficially as the sixth member of Radiohead, and William Orbit will both be discussing just How To Be A Record Producer.

If you fancy yourself as the next Megan Fox or Robert Pattison then you're in luck because the Videopia crew are bringing their makeshift movie set to Camp Bestival, where they'll be recruiting Camp B revellers - you! - to star in live remakes of Hollywood classics. The miniature masterpieces will then be uploaded onto the Videopia website so you can show off your new found fame to your friends and your newly acquired adoring fan-base. There is currently a vote going on for which film you'd most like to be remade.

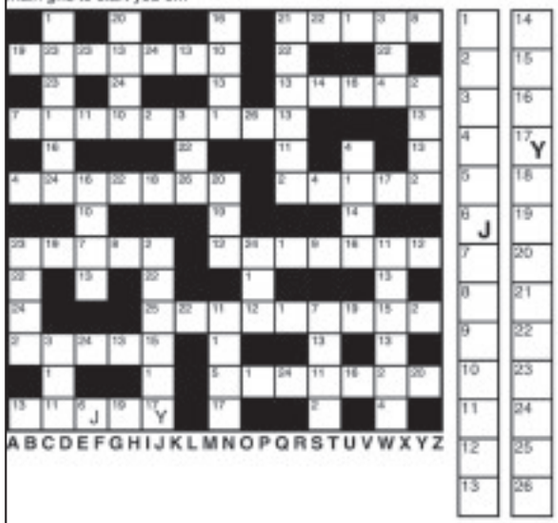
Tickets are still available for Camp Bestival 2010 at www.ticketline.co.uk, or by calling 0844 888 4410.

BRAIN GYM

No. 053

CODEWORD

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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23. Revolt (6)
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Down
1. Prisoner (7)
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5. Gifts (8)
6. Originate (6)
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13. Entice (8)
14. Of pottery (7)
15. Unfamiliar (7)
16. Untouched (6)
17. Daily (6)
19. Very sad (6)

Last week's solution
Across: 1 Accommodate; 9 Rip; 10 Extension; 11 Fight; 13 Immense; 14 Cheery; 16 Scribe; 18 Ennoble; 19 Atlas; 20 Croquette; 21 Fair; 22 Inadvertent.
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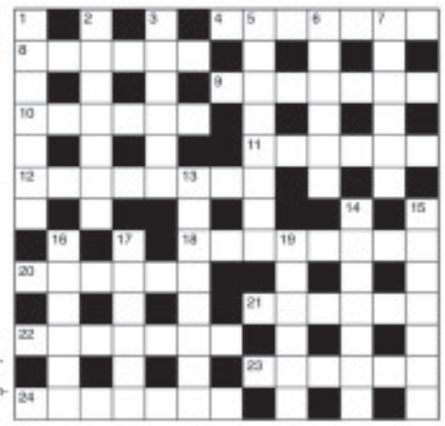

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be re-arranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is L. Lampard, Ballack, Sinclair, all Chelsea F.C players.

SUDOKU

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

WORDSQUARE

Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one 9-letter word.

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Heralding the popular week-long Festival, a one-off concert in the church on 7 May will feature the Festival's musical director David Juritz, leader of the London Mozart Players. Tickets for this event go on sale on April 5th from Gill Redford (01308 897203) or from the post office in the village.

The Burton Bradstock Music Festival is unique in combining exquisite musicianship and unprecedented informality. The musicians stay with villagers and there is a most friendly atmosphere as top-flight performers and helpers all join together in the numerous tasks involved in staging the many activities scheduled. This year's Festival will welcome many regulars including guitarist Craig Ogden, accordionist Milos Milivojevic and cellist Adrian Bradbury.

Said Festival director Mike Southgate: "The generosity of both the musicians and the villagers involved in putting on this extraordinary show is a real boon for Burton Bradstock, attracting people from a wide area as well as many summer visitors, some of whom book their holidays down here to coincide with the week. Our fellow villagers are, of course, especially welcome and there is something for everyone including the music workshop for the children."

Dorset Moviola showing 'An Education' in March

NICK Hornby's brilliant adaption of Lynn Barber's memoir of coming of age in 60s suburban London and how her life changes with the arrival of a playboy (Alfred Molina) twice her age. A bittersweet romance that is also extremely funny. Newcomer Carey Mulligan plays Lynn (Jenny in the film)

'An Education' will be shown in Beaminster Public Hall on Monday, March 29th at 7.30pm, Doors open 7pm.

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Diary Dates

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

LYME REGIS: Tony Marriott to give presentation and judge competition at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

BEAMINSTER: Concert by Sherborne School for Girls Madrigal Socety and Chamber Orchestra. Works by Purcell, Vivaldi, Faure and Britten. At St Mary's Church from 7.30pm. Tickets £6 from Church Office, 8 Hogshill Street, on the door or telephone 01308 862320 for more details.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

LYME REGIS: Coffee morning Come and meet Dr Steve Bick , Labour Prospective Parliamentary Candidate over coffee. At Woodmead Halls, 10.30 am to 12.30, organised by West Dorset Labour Party, telephone 01305 854392 for more details.

BROADWINDSOR: Book and Jumble Sale at Broadwidsor School, refreshments available. Doors open 2pm , 50p entrance, children free.

ABBOTSBURY: Charity Event "Day of enlightenment" at Abbotsbury Village Hall from 10-4pm. Telephone 01305 871127 for more details.

LITTON CHENEY, NEAR BRIDPORT: Herb Gardening Workshop at Ourganics from 1am - 4pm. Telephone 01308 459574 for bookings and more details

MONDAY MARCH 1ST

BROADMAYNE: Salisbury Cathedral Choir Girl Choristers and Men in St Martin's Church Broadmayne at 7.30pm performing Music for Lent Including the Allegri 'Miserere and works by Harris, Naylor & Vaughan Williams. Tickets £7 from Corner House Stores Broadmayne, Eleanor 01305 853765 or Anne 01305 853074. (I have attached a photo of the Choir) for further information Anne Doxon 01305 853074.

SATURDAY MARCH 6TH

WOOTON FITZPAINE: A Charity quiz night in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance will be held at Wooton Fitzpaine Village Hall on Saturday, March 6th The quiz has been organised by the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis. Tickets at £6 each include a hot supper and are available from Bill Taylor on 01297 560081 or any Lyme Regis Rotarian. Participants should arrive at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

SATURDAY MARCH 13TH

CHARMOUTH: Dance to One Night Stand at the St Andrews Community Hall. Licensed bar, 8pm til late. Admission £6 to include mini ploughman's. Proceeds to Charmouth senior citizens lunch fund and the Charmouth Community Hall. Tickets available from Fortnam, Smith and Banwell, Devonedge Hairdressing, the George or The Royal Oak.

MONDAY MARCH 15TH

UPLYME: Uplyme Ladies Group are hosting a fund raising talk for Shelterbox from 7.30pm at Uplyme Village Hall. For further details call 01297 631919 for more details.

SATURDAY MARCH 20TH

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MONDAY MARCH 22ND

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FRIDAY APRIL 16TH

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They have performed at venues including Ronnie Scott⊠s Jazz Club, Royal Albert Hall, Birmingham Symphony Hall and the Barbican Centre in London. Collectively they also have performance experience with such musicians as Mark Lockheart (Polar Bear), Mornington Lockett (New Jazz Couriers), and Jean Toussaint (Art Blakey) and formed the rhythm section for singer Andra Sparks (Nick Weldon).

Marine Theatre Creative Director Ian Stephens said: "I invited the Chris Eldred Trio to come and play here because they have wowed audiences and critics alike through their performances at jazz festivals across the country. They deliver an exquisite range of original jazz compositions as well as their own arrangements of more traditional jazz repertoire."

The Chris Eldred Jazz Trio will be on stage at the Marine Theatre on Thursday March 4th at 8pm. Tickets cost £10, available from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138, on the door, or online at www.marinetheatre.org.uk.

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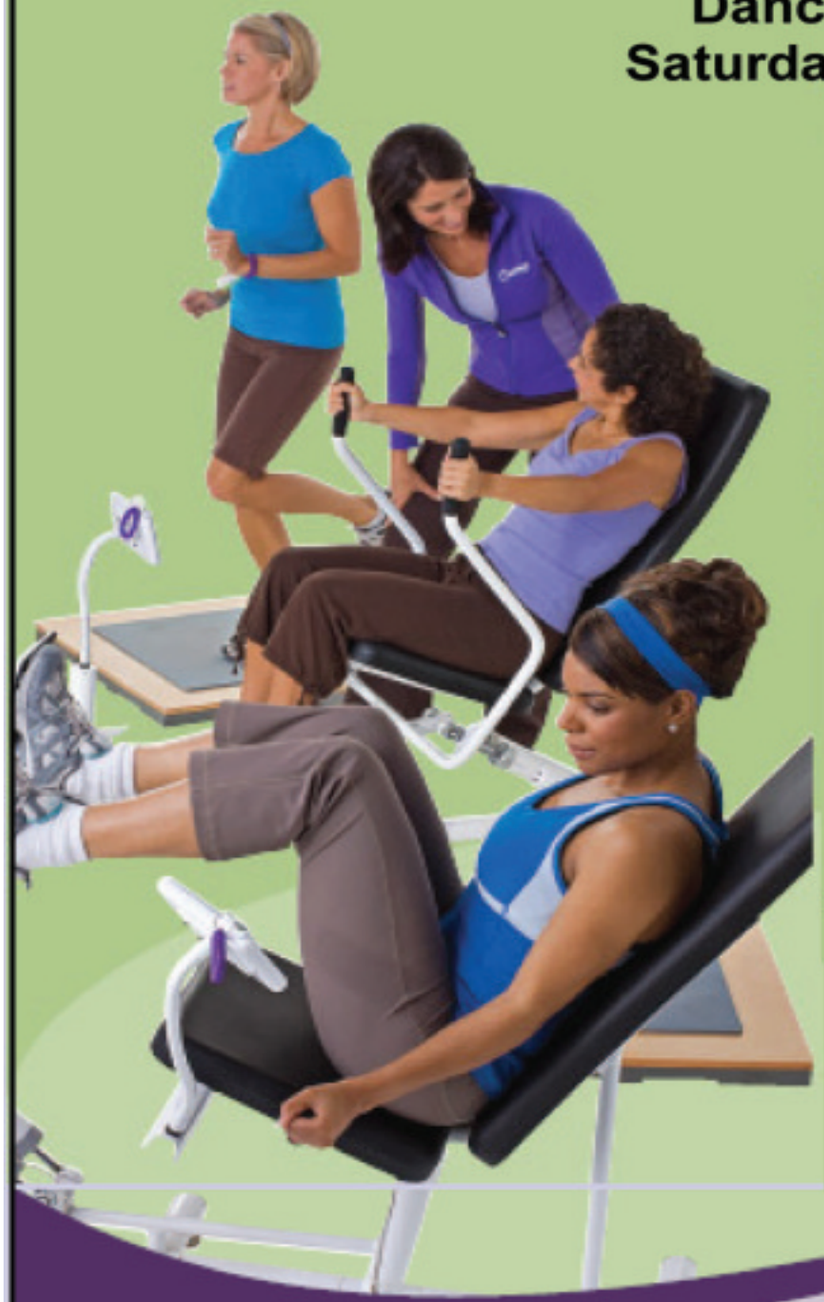

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The amendments will be as follows:-
From 1 April 2010 until further notice

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A copy of the draft Order which would be known as "The Parish of Charmouth (Off-street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1989" may be inspected at the Council Office, during public hours (9am to 10.30am Monday to Friday). Telephone enquiries may be made to Charmouth 560826.
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Tender forms and conditions of operation for each site may be obtained from the Town Clerk and should be returned to the Council Offices with each tender being submitted in a plain sealed envelope clearly endorsed to indicate to which concession the envelope relates, by not later than first post on **Tuesday 11th March 2010.**

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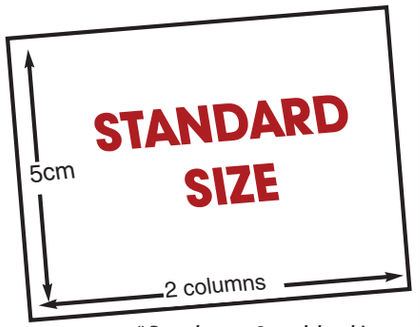

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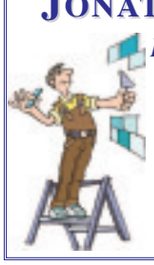

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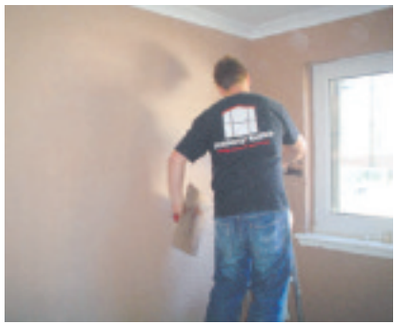

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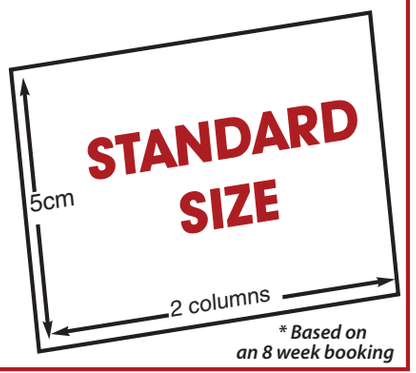

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"VXR continues to be a key component of the Vauxhall brand," said Andy Gilson, Vauxhall's Marketing Director. "With VX Racing's BTCC campaign now finished, it's important that we continue to reinforce the success and excellence of our VXR models, and engage both existing and prospective customers at activities like these."

VXR Power Events comprise the following activities:

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In fact, a combination of the low purchase price, economical running costs and high residuals mean that the ix35 is likely to cost less to run than mainstream family cars and MPVs with comparable engines.

Despite the price, the ix35 range has equipment levels that no rival can even dream of matching. This makes it attractive not just to private buyers, but also means company car drivers can choose an ix35 and actually pay less tax than on a mainstream hatchback or MPV.

The entry-level ix35 Style model is less expensive to buy than a basic Ford Focus, yet includes such features as 17-inch alloy wheels, ESP, air conditioning, built-in Bluetooth phone connectivity, heated front and rear seats, electric heated door mirrors with integrated LED side repeaters, leather steering wheel and gearknob, reverse parking sensors and a trip computer.

The Premium model adds 18-inch alloys, a double-length panoramic glass sunroof, automatic headlights, cruise control, dual zone climate control, electric folding door mirrors, keyless entry with engine start/stop button, rear privacy glass, rain-sensing wipers, part-leather upholstery and roof rails. Options include full leather seats, touch-screen sat-nav and a reversing camera.

What's more, all ix35's are backed up by Hyundai's famous five-year warranty and a 10-year anti-perforation corrosion warranty, meaning that what appears attractive in the showroom will remain just as appealing for years to come.

This package has meant that the ix35 has just been given a stunning set of residual value figures by industry experts CAP.

The 2.0CRDi Style 2WD, which is expected to be the big seller of the range, achieves a 43 percent residual value figure after 3yr/30k miles. These figures match the new Nissan Qashqai and beat the likes of VW's Tiguan and the brand new Peugeot 3008.The residual for the Premium 2WD is even better than the Style, achieving 45% after 3yr/30k miles.

The ix35 range will be made even stronger from this autumn when two new smaller engines join the range – a 1.6 petrol with direct injection technology and a new 1.7 diesel offering supermini-rivalling emissions and fuel economy.

Full details of these exciting models will be announced in the summer.

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TWO OFF AT BEAMINSTER

Lyme to face Petherton in semi-final

TOP MAN: Lee Cleal was in fine form in Lyme Regis' cup triumph

SPOT ON: Leigh Hansford's penalty gave Pymore vital win.

TOP-SCORER: Phil Hussey 20 up for the season for Netherbury.

SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE CUP ROUND FOUR

FORTON Rangers crashed out of the Somerset Intermediate cup when they effectively ran out of time in the tie against visiting Bridgwater Sports.

A disastrous first-half left the Rangers trailing 4-1. But a spirited second 45 showing fell just short as they went down 5-4. The hosts' goals were shared between John Smith, Tom Robinson, Lee Richardson and Dave Fowler.

The all PSL clash at the Rec' saw Ilminster Colts edge past West & Middle Chinnock 4-3. The tie ended all square at 3-3 at full-time and was finally decided by Craig Stuckey's second of the afternoon. Andy Fish also bagged a brace for the Blues who earned a home tie in the last eight. Earlier The Chinnocks recovered from going two behind to lead 3-2 through Ian Masters, Mark Cawley and an own goal.

CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER-FINALS

SOUTH Petherton were given a free ticket to the semi-finals after off the fields problems resulted in Perry Street failing to raise a team for the quarter-final tie.

Petherton's opponents will be Lyme Regis in what promises to be a mouth-watering semi on March 6th. The Seasiders booked their place after a full-blooded 2-1 win at Beaminster. There wasn't too much between the sides but Lyme just about deserved their win.

Beaminster felt they had earned a fifth minute penalty after Lyme keeper Ashley Caddy appeared to clip Beaminster skipper Murray Legg. But referee Chris Vowles, who had a difficult afternoon, waved away the Rainbows' claims. The deadlock was broken in the 20th minute when Dom Rowe found Julien Simier and the Frenchman gave Lyme the lead with his seventh goal of the season.

The second-half saw he hosts wrestle the initiative and Legg surged in from the right flank to slot home the leveler four minutes after the restart to move his personal tally up to 19. Beaminster now enjoyed most of the territorial advantage without carving out too many clear-cut chances and they were punished in the 79th minute when Simier linked well with strike partner Joe Bond and the youngster clipped home what proved to be the winner.

Worse was to follow for Beaminster moments later as Sam Crocker received his second yellow card and headed off for an early shower in the impressive new pavilion at the Memorial Ground.

Crocker was accompanied by Legg who was red-carded after the final whistle and could now miss crucial games in the congested run-in to the season finale.

Lyme manager Robin Townsend was impressed by the work rate of midfielder Lee Cleal, he said: "It's only Lee's fifth outfield game for three years or so but he did well" whilst Rainbows' manager Paddy Ford selected centre-back Paul Fellows as his MoM.

PREMIER DIVISION

GOALS from Chris Derryman, Barry Hayne and Pete Symes earned three points, and a league double for Merriott Rovers from their mid-table trip to Combe Reserves.

A 3-2 win for Crewkerne Town looks to have banished any fears of the reigning League Champions ending up being relegated. Lee Banks and a Jamie Spurdle penalty gave the Tigers a 2-1 interval lead.

Banks struck again, his seventh goal in seven outings since returning to Henhayes from Merriott, midway through the second-half with Missy' striker Paul Gold's penalty miss proving crucial.

Ilminster Reserves' boss Jamie Lee felt that Charmouth looked a far better side than their lowly League position indicated. But the Blues, still unbeaten in 2010, had far too much in the tank for the Robins and cruised to a 5-1 victory. Simon Manley (2), Kenny Timson, Paul Retter and Chris Bussel scored the hosts with Shaun Meyers replying with his 11th of the season.

White Horse are still seeking an increasing elusive win. Ian Pincombe's side seemed to be well on their way as they recovered from two down against Barrington at Symondsbury to level through James Pitcher and Man-of-the-Match John Kingstone. Kingstone then hit the crossbar with a free-kick and Horse's chance had bolted as Craig Steel notched the visitors' notched an 86th minute winner to complete his hat-trick.

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beaminster	9	8	0	1	44	8	24
Lyme Regis	9	8	0	1	25	10	24
Barrington	12	7	2	3	28	28	23
South Petherton	8	7	0	1	41	6	21
Combe Reserves	13	6	1	6	28	29	19
Ilminster Reserves	12	5	3	4	33	22	18
Merriott Rovers	10	6	0	4	26	26	18
Crewkerne	15	5	1	9	34	42	16
Perry Street	12	4	2	6	26	41	14
Misterton	11	3	3	5	19	24	12
White Horse	10	1	1	8	16	29	4
Charmouth	13	0	1	12	17	72	1

DIVISION ONE

A 5-1 win at Chard Rangers saw Netherbury climb a place to fourth. Lee Seymour gave the Rangers an early lead but the Ambers didn't panic and Dan Rawlings equalised before half-time.

The second period was a one-sided affair with the visitors purring home with strikes from Adam Sorrell, Phil Hussey (2), and James Sayers. "We could have had 12" said Netherbury manager Andy Loudon who felt Hussey's second, a stunning 25-yard volley, was a Goal of the Season contender.

The relegation tussle took a couple more twists and turns. Lyme Regis Reserves troubles continued as they threw away a 3-1 half-time lead to go down 6-4 against fellow-strugglers Perry Street Reserves at the Davey Fort. First-half strikes from Fred Thomson, Ryan Fifer and Gerard Hitchcock put the Seasiders in control.

But six unanswered goals from Kris Grove (2), Liam Riste (2), Jamie Best and Kev Rowson gave the Mothers three valuable points with Thomson's second a mere consolation.

There was a also a six-pointer at St Mary's where Pymore's resurgence continued with a 1-0 win over struggling Thorncombe. Leigh Hansford's third goal in as many games, this time from the penalty spot following a foul on Alex Goodrick proved decisive as the teams swapped places at the wrong end of the table. The Thorns who felt the award of the penalty was harsh gave top marks to Rich Gorst.

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W& M Chinnock	8	6	2	0	38	15	20
Merriott Reserves	9	6	1	2	22	14	19
Forton Rangers	9	5	2	2	16	12	17
Netherbury	8	4	3	1	23	13	15
Farway United	9	4	3	2	18	12	15
Ilminster Colts	8	4	3	1	19	16	15
Winsham United	9	3	2	4	21	20	11
Chard Rangers	12	3	2	7	20	43	11
Perry Street Res	10	2	2	6	27	34	8
Pymore	8	2	2	4	11	19	8
Thorncombe	10	2	1	7	20	23	7
Lyme Regis Res	8	1	1	6	17	31	4

DIVISION TWO

MILLWEY Rise maintained their 10-point lead at the top of the Division with a convincing 5-0 win at Chard United. A fine free-kick from Player-manager Shane Featherstone saw Rise head into the break one up. It was a one-way traffic after the restart with doubles from Man-of-the-Match Callum Garrett and Peter Hoare.

The midtable clash between Hinton and Beaminster Reserves ended honours even as the teams shared four goals. Visiting Beaminster took the first-half plaudits and led through a Dan Pyett double.

But the Saints earned a point thanks to goals from Stacey Hawes (pen) with his fourth in three games, and Jamie Laver.

There looked to be a shock on the cards as Drimpton took a two goal lead through Andy Birch and Dan Legg at promotion chasing Norton Athletic. But Norts recovered and stormed back with goals from top-scorer Paul Churchill (2), Ashley Rose (2) and Nolan White.

There was a surprise at Venlake where Uplyme landed their first win the first week of October with a superb 2-1 triumph over Dowlish & Donyatt. A finger injury sustained on his round by postman Lloyd Cleal forced manager Rodney Rowe to hand the goalkeeping gloves to 16-year-old Kieran White and the youngster did well.

Midfield schemer Lee Mears gave the visitors a slender half-time lead. But the Swallows sensed a chance and Alex Cottle, in his first game since returning from a long injury lay-off, leveled before Gavin Fowler bagged the 80th minute all-important winner that sees Uplyme jump two places off the foot of the table.

Shepton Beauchamp led through goals from Dan Smith and Rich Pippen at South Petherton Reserves. But Pethy snatched a point with replies from Andy Moody (pen) and Joe Humphries.

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwey Rise	12	11	1	0	37	14	34
Norton Athletic	10	8	0	2	40	19	24
Dowlish & Don	13	6	1	6	42	37	19
Shepton Beau	9	5	2	2	30	10	17
Hinton St George	12	4	3	5	30	24	15
Beaminster Res	10	4	2	4	19	23	14
South Peth Res	11	2	5	4	26	26	11
Forton Reserves	9	2	3	4	13	19	9
Uplyme	10	2	2	6	16	29	8
Drimpton	10	2	1	7	20	41	7
Chard United	10	2	0	8	14	45	6

DIVISION THREE

HOME wins Fivehead United and Crewkerne Rangers keeps the promotion race wide open.

Fivehead had few problems in beating Chard Rangers Reserves 3-0 but it was a different story at Wadham School where Luso-Chard took Crewkerne Rangers all the way before going down 3-2. Adam Tanner, Josh Lovatt and Harvey Perrin on target for the hosts. Marco Quedas and Pedro Teixeira replied for Luso.

Combe A failed to find the net for the fourth time in five outings but were pleased to end with a point after surrendering much of the possession to Misterton Reserves in a 0-0 draw at Slades Cross.

Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawkchurch	12	10	0	2	45	25	30
Misterton Res	13	7	2	4	34	30	23
Crewk Rangers	10	7	0	3	42	19	21
Fivehead United	11	6	2	3	23	20	20
Millwey Rise Res	11	5	0	6	27	26	15
Lyme Bantams	10	5	0	5	29	22	12
Luso-Chard	9	4	0	5	33	28	12
Crewkerne Res	7	4	0	3	21	16	10
Combe A	9	3	2	4	15	19	11
Shepton Beau Res	11	3	0	8	23	39	9
Chard Rang Res	13	1	0	12	14	62	3

* = points deducted

DIVISION FOUR

ON a day when the top three were all beaten a lack of players is beginning to cost Waytown Hounds dearly.

The West Dorset side slipped to a 3-1 home defeat against Hinton Reserves at Netherbury.

Man-of-the-Match Adam George, Ross Jewell and Steve Holton scored for the Saints with Tom Menaldino replying.

Ilminster A have muscled into the promotion race after a superb 5-4 win at leaders Winsham United Reserves. Tom Wallis (2), Wayne Crocker, Jon Brister and Luke Lazenby (pen) scored for the Blues with Ashley Doble, Richard White, Paul Stuart and an own goal making up the Winsh quartet.

Jamie Park and Simon Dobbs scored the goals as Barrington Reserves surprised Farway United Reserves with a 2-1 win at Shelway Lane.

Meanwhile at the other end of the table Hawkchurch Reserves, with midfielder Dan Morley in fine form, secured a League double and leap-frogged over Charmouth Reserves after Jake Bearpark scored both goals in a 2-0 win at Barrs Lane.

The Robins were no doubt missing veteran Jerry Bearpark who was donning a dress in the excellent 'Summer Holiday' stage production in Axminster!

Division Four	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsham Utd Res	14	8	3	3	55	41	27
Farway Reserves	11	7	3	1	41	17	24
Ilminster Town A	11	7	2	2	36	25	23
Waytown Hounds	11	7	0	4	45	26	21
Hinton Reserves	14	6	3	5	30	37	21
Chard United Res	11	6	2	3	34	24	20
Barrington Res	11	5	1	5	35	30	16
Combe B	15	5	1	9	49	48	16
Thorncombe Res	11	2	2	7	21	34	8
Hawkchurch Res	13	2	2	9	24	42	8
Charmouth Res	12	2	1	9	12	58	6

RESULTS

Saturday, February 20th

Somerset Intermediate Cup Round 4
Forton Rangers 4 Bridgwater Sports 5
Ilminster Colts 4 West & M Chinnock 3 aet

Challenge Cup Round 2

Beaminster 1 Lyme Regis 2
Perry Street v South Petherton w/o

Premier Division

Combe Reserves 0 Merriott Rovers 3
Crewkerne 3 Misterton 2
Ilminster Town Reserves 5 Charmouth 1
White Horse 2 Barrington 3

Division One

Chard Rangers 1 Netherbury 5
Lyme Regis Reserves 4 Perry Street Res 6
Pymore 1 Thorncombe 0

Division Two

Chard United 0 Millwey Rise 5
Hinton St George 2 Beaminster Reserves 2
Norton Athletic 5 Drimpton 2
South Petherton Res 2 Shepton Beauc 2
Uplyme 2 Dowlish & Donyatt 1

Division Three

Combe A 0 Misterton Reserves 0
Crewkerne Rangers 3 Luso-Chard 2
Fivehead Utd 3 Chard Rangers Reserves 0

Division Four

Barrington Reserves 2 Farway United Res 1
Charmouth Reserves 0 Hawkchurch Res 2
Waytown Hounds 1 Hinton Reserves 3
Winsham United Reserves 4 Ilminster A 5

Fixtures

Saturday, February 27th

Arthur Gage Cup Round 2pm

Lyme Regis Reserves v Ilminster Town Colts
Perry Street Reserves v Winsham United

Bill Bailey Cup Semi-finals 2pm

Crewkerne Rangers v Chard Rangers Res
Fivehead United v Crewkerne Reserves

All matches below kick off at 2.30pm

Premier Division

Charmouth v Lyme Regis
Combe Reserves v Ilminster Town Reserves
Crewkerne v Barrington
Misterton v Perry Street
South Petherton v Beaminster
White Horse v Merriott Rovers

Division One

Chard Rangers v Forton Rangers
Merriott Rovers Reserves v Thorncombe
Netherbury v West & Middle Chinnock
Pymore v Farway United

Division Two

Beaminster Reserves v Uplyme
Chard United v Norton Athletic
Forton Rangers Reserves v Drimpton
Millwey Rise v South Petherton Reserves
Shepton Beauchamp v Hinton St George

Division Three

Combe A v Millwey Rise Reserves
Hawkchurch v Shepton Beauchamp Res
Lyme Bantams v Misterton Reserves

Division Four

Barrington Reserves v Waytown Hounds
Hinton Reserves v Hawkchurch Reserves
Ilminster Town A v Farway United Reserves
Thorncombe Reserves v Charmouth Res
Winsham United Reserves v Combe B

LYME REGIS SKITTLES LEAGUE

LADIES DIVISION: Bob Sweetland Cup: Bids & Babes 314 Oh So Georgeous 318 (M. Bond 61), Just Us 290 La Creme 313 (A. Gillings 58), Abandon Ship 327 Castaways 294 (S.Williams 61), Wootton Wobblers 319 Rollercoasters 281 (J. West-Broom 56.)

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Bids & Babes	12	8	2	2	18	16
Smashers	12	9	0	3	18	8
Oh So Georgeous	12	8	1	3	17	14
Wootton Wobblers	12	7	0	5	14	10
La Creme	12	6	1	5	13	6
Rock A Byes	12	6	0	6	12	15
Rollercoasters	12	6	0	6	12	10
Just Us	12	5	1	6	11	21
Hot Gossips	12	5	0	7	10	9
Generations	12	4	1	7	9	14
Abandon Ship	12	5	0	7	8	12
Deano's Divas	11	3	0	8	6	9
Castaways	11	3	0	8	6	8

MENS DIVISION ONE: Cowboys 338 Clueless 325, Flyers 334 Anthill Mob (A. Aldworth 73), No Hopers 372 Skippy's Six 353 (J.Broome 72), Marksmen 374 Alleytwits 355 (S. Beal 70), Roadrunners 346 Rousdon Rebels 350 (K. Trott, R. Chappel 69).

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Cowboys	14	9	0	5	18	20
No Hopers	13	9	0	4	18	13
Roadrunners	14	8	0	6	16	18
Flyers	14	7	0	7	14	16
Marksmen	14	7	0	7	14	13
Skippy's Six	14	7	0	7	14	13
Rousdon Rebels	14	7	0	7	14	11
Anthill Mob	14	7	0	7	14	10
Clueless	13	5	0	8	10	9
Alleytwits	14	3	0	11	6	15

MENS DIVISION TWO: Willy's Wanderers 305 Sherberts 352 (J.Chapman), Wreckers 385 Presidents Men 372 (T. Edwards 68), Young Guns 346 Miscellaneous 359 (M. Case 70), British Legion 367 Trappers 357 (J. Sims 76), Wootton Tornados 320 Shakers 308 (D. Stokes 59), Hot Rocks - Free week.

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Wootton Tornados	13	11	0	2	22	13
Wreckers	13	10	0	3	20	16
Hot Rocks	12	9	0	3	18	17
Miscellaneous	13	8	1	4	17	18
Sherberts	13	7	1	5	15	14
Presidents Men	12	7	0	5	14	12
Young Guns	12	5	0	7	10	15
Trappers	13	4	1	8	9	14
British Legion	13	3	1	9	7	6
Shakers	11	2	0	9	4	11
Willy's Wanderers	13	1	0	12	2	2

LYME REGIS POOL

Muppets win basement battle

Results fror Sunday, February 14th
Hat Tricks 4 Pot Nots 5
Kelly's Muppets 6 Brotherhoods 3
Beer Tricks Potters 2 Old Cobbies 7
Hunters Munters - Free week.

League table as at Monday, February 15th.

	Pld	W	L	Pts	Beer
Old Cobbies	12	11	1	70	54
Hat Tricks	11	6	2	62	40
Pot Nots	13	8	5	61	37
Hunters Munters	12	6	6	55	37
Beer Tricks Potters	13	6	7	55	34
Kelly's Muppets	12	5	7	52	31
Brotherhoods	13	1	12	30	19

BOB BUCKLER RACING

Buckler: 'The Sawyer - race of his life'

BOB Buckler described ***The Sawyer's*** third place in the Grade 1 Betfair Ascot Chase on Saturday as the best race of his life.

The ten-year-old chestnut gelding ran a superb race to finish just 3 ¼ lengths down on the winner Monet's Garden who repeated his victory in 2007, and would have been on a hat trick had he not been up against Kauto Star last year.

"He ran a blinder," enthused Buckler. "It was an amazing run and certainly the best race of his life by far."

The outsider of six, The Sawyer although himself a front runner, had to settle for a place tracking the 12-year-old gelding who led from start to finish.

At Swindley Bottom second time around jockey Nathan Sweeney broke first and picked up the pace to move alongside Nicky Richard's charge but coming into the straight he had dropped to fourth as the others took closer order as Monet's Garden started to quicken.

It looked like the punters knew their stuff as the 20/1 shot appeared to be going backwards, but Sweeney picked him up and together with Grand National entrant Albertas Run they chased the grey who has won 16 of his 30 races in a spectacular career.

Although Monet's Garden was never in any danger of losing; Barry Geraghty eased him up towards the line, The Sawyer stayed on and closed on Albertas Run by the finish.

"Despite recent good wins at Ascot and Cheltenham, you have to realise he was racing them on level weights and Nathan couldn't claim his allowance, so this was a superb effort,' said Buckler.

Having enjoyed lucrative handicap successes, he is now likely to return to the handicap arena next month at the Cheltenham Festival.

"He ran a super race and I'm trying to get hold of the handicapper to find out what he's going to do, hopefully he won't be too harsh."

"He's come out of the race well and hopefully he'll head to Cheltenham now for either the two-mile-five-furlong handicap Byrne Group Plate or the William Hill Trophy over three miles where he might meet ***Niche Market*** who is due to have a final warm up before the Grand National."

Buckler is also looking at a race in Auteuil in April as an alternative.

Nick Skelton will renew his partnership with Irish Grand National winner Niche Market in the Aintree Grand National on April 10th. "It's all been agreed," confirmed Buckler.

Two other horses from the Henley stable ran on the same Ascot card as The Sawyer and although they did not have the same success, Buckler was pleased with both horse's runs.

Ballygulleen was the 100/1 rank outsider in the Sodexo Prestige Reynoldstown Novices' Chase (grade 2).

Racing against four horses entered for Cheltenham he was by far the least experienced of the field, and in the end it showed, although Buckler had sympathy for him.

"Yes he was outclassed but all the others are entered for Grade 1 Cheltenham races, but he jumped well and now might go to Ludlow on Wednesday (today)."

Fun Guy was also the 100/1 outsider in the NH Flat (bumper) race and he finished well down the field. He and Wood Yer were clear of the field at the halfway mark, but he faded in the heavy ground.

"He bowled along in front but got stuck in the mud and choked a bit. He does have a breathing problem and the effort from the heavy ground would have made it worse.

He will be much better on firmer ground which won't affect his breathing so much."

■ BEST YET: The Sawyer (left) who ran the race of his life at Ascot on Saturday.

Bridport Skittles League - Cup Draws

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday March 1st:

Ladies Pairs – 2nd Round

Monday, March 1st – Ilchester

L. Collins & H. Tett, S. Luter & J. Brooks, M. Paulley & H. Doble, V. Cozens & A. Wiscombe, K. Way & C. Cross, V. Burt & B. Lee, S. Tompkins & J. Dawe, L. Cowburn & J. Cowburn.

Tuesday, March 2nd – Bradpole Club

G. Legg & S. Newman, E. Hooper & J. Doble, C. Huxter & R. Chubb, C. Taylor & J. Arnold, J. Cake & M. Dare, J Symes & K. Tuck, M. Hansford & S. Galpin, C. Lambert & C. Clare.

LYME REGIS CRIBBAGE LEAGUE

with *Clive Garner*

Monday, February 8th (Week 19) WITH only three weeks until the end of another season Nags Head Lyme Regis still lead the table after a 3-2 win at Royal Flunkies Charmouth, Lamb-Swans move to second even after losing 2-3 at home to Axe Valiants, Rocky II are still bottom after losing 1-4 at home to Beer Club, New Inn Kilmington lost 0-5 to Stepps, while Axe Vale Club won 3-2 at home against Ship Inn Lyme Regis.

In the Beer League Ship Inn Lyme Regis lead by six points after losing 2-1 at Axe Vale Club, second placed New Inn Kilmington won 2-1 at home to Stepps, Royal Flunkies also won 2-1 at home against Nags Head Lyme Regis, while Swan-Lambs won 3-0 against Axe Valiants, bottom side Rocky II won 2-1 at home to Beer Club.

RESULTS: New Inn Kilmington 0 Stepps 5, Axe Vale Club 3 Ship Inn Lyme Regis 2, Rocky II 1 Beer Club 4, Royal Flunkies 2 Nags Head Lyme Regis 3, Lamb-Swans 2 Axe Valiants 3, Axminster Cons - no fixture.

BEER LEAGUE: New Inn Kilmington 2 Stepps 1, Axe Vale Club 2 Ship Inn Lyme Regis 1, Rocky II 2 Beer Club 1, Royal Flunkies 2 Nags Head Lyme Regis 1, Lamb-Swans 3 Axe Valiants 0, Axminster Cons - no fixture.

Table	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Nags Head LR	18	11	7	49	36	52
Lamb Swans	16	10	7	49	36	49
Axminster Cons	16	11	5	47	33	47
Axe Vale Club	17	11	6	47	38	47
Beer Club	17	10	7	47	38	47
Axe Valiants	16	11	5	46	34	46
Ship Inn LR	18	10	8	45	45	45
New Inn Kilmington	18	6	12	38	52	38
Stepps	17	7	10	36	49	36
Royal Flunkies	17	4	13	35	50	35
Rocky II	17	3	14	28	57	28

BEER LEAGUE

Table	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ship Inn LR	18	14	4	35	19	35
New Inn Kilmington	18	10	8	29	25	29
Royal Flunkies	17	10	7	28	23	28
Lamb Swans	17	9	8	28	23	28
Stepps	17	8	9	25	26	25
Beer Club	17	9	8	24	27	24
Axe Valiants	16	8	8	24	24	24
Axe Vale Club	17	7	10	24	27	24
Axminster Cons	16	8	8	23	25	23
Nags Head LR	18	6	12	22	32	22
Rocky II	17	5	12	19	32	19

◆ **Fixtures** for Monday, March 1st (Week 21): Rocky II v New Inn Kilmington, Royal Flunkies Charmouth v Axminster Cons, Lamb-Swans v Beer Club, Axe Valiants v Ship Inn Lyme Regis, Stepps v Beer Club, Nags Head Lyme Regis - no fixture.

ALL WHITE IN THE END

BEAMINSTER LADIES HOCKEY CLUB

BEAMINSTER 2 BOURNEMOUTH 4th 1

ALI White struck the winner with the last play of this match which saw Beaminster record just their second win in six games since the New Year.

It looked like they had missed the opportunity of victory when Bournemouth snatched an equaliser just three minutes from time, but Beaminster showed great resolve as they launched a final assault on the visitor's goal and right on time forced a short corner which resulted in another being awarded.

With all ten outfield packed around the Bournemouth D, in the ensuing melee White was on hand to knock the ball over the line for her first goal of the season.

Beaminster were in urgent need of a lift after seeing their brilliant early season form dip with a series of defeats, and whilst the game was not the most fluent, they certainly dug in and gave a spirited performance that was rewarded with the last gasp winner.

Opportunities on either side were few and far between and Toni Aplin missed a great chance to put Beaminster ahead on just four minutes when she failed to beat the keeper with a clear shot on goal.

The ball was scrambled clear and in the counter attack stand-in keeper Sarah Davies did well to block at point blank range to stop Bournemouth going ahead.

Defences prevailed with White and skipper Sophia Brown once again dominant to the point that Davies was rarely troubled, whilst in midfield Jackie Gape's enthusiasm and trickery coupled with Emma Davies' experience and urging gave the Colfox side the edge.

They were unlucky just after the half hour when Danielle Donovan's superb pass set Emma Davies free but the keeper got down brilliantly to block her first shot and deflect the ball towards the bye line. Davies reacted quickest, but her second shot from an acute angle just missed the far post with the keeper prostrate.

Beaminster improved after the break, winning more of the ball but still unable to make their territorial advantage count and they almost paid for it, when on 42 minutes a neat move left a Bournemouth forward alone in front of goal, but she put the ball past the post with only Sarah Davies to beat.

Two minutes later Beaminster got the goal their hard worked deserved. Bournemouth failed to clear their lines from a short corner and when Gape fizzed the ball across the D, Emma Davies controlled it wide of the far post before drilling an angled shot through the keeper's legs.

The goal lifted Beaminster and it was a surprise therefore on 67 minutes when Bournemouth equalised. A short corner routine worked the ball to their tall defender whose shot almost broke the post before rebounding for a colleague to score from close range.

It looked like the host's would have to be satisfied with a point until White's winning goal, her first of the season, in the dying seconds.

The final whistle.

The goal gave Beaminster victory over Chard, as a similar situation the previous day saw Ali White poke home the 1st XI's winning goal against Bournemouth 4th by the same score.

Skipper White, this time was unusually playing in goal, but with Sarah Davies and Becky Craddock who both played purposefully throughout gave the team a solid base.

Chard had led at half-time when a short corner shot was deflected by Donovan past her helpless keeper, but Beaminster managed to stay in the game in the second half, finally equalising when Rachael Harper in a melee eased the ball over the line from all of three inches.

Becky Early, looking a great addition to the club, used her experience to keep Beaminster going forward, whilst Toni Aplin and Lucy Timberell worked hard but looked out of position up front, and it was the efforts of two Woodroffe school girls, Polly Davies and Katie Chubb, that promised a bright future both for themselves and Beaminster Hockey Club.

A CASE OF 'DEJA VU'

BEAMINSTER 2nd 2 CHARD 2nd 1

SPECTATORS at Beaminster's 2nd XI match on Sunday could have been forgiven a sense of 'deja vu' as for the second day running a short corner on the last play of the match led to the winning score.

Carol Pearson making her seasonal visit to the opposition's D, stopped and rolled Emma Davies' injection into the path of player of the match Danni Donovan who fired her shot powerfully into the corner to the accompaniment of

West Dorset Hockey Club

TAUNTON C S 1 WEST DORSET 1

WEST Dorset failed to maintain the pressure on the other top sides in South East Division One by sharing the points with lowly Taunton C S. They now drop to fourth in what is a very close run for second place behind leaders North Devon

◆ PIN-POINT: Emma Davies prepares to deliver a short corner in Beaminster's 2-1 win over Bournemouth 4ths.

West Dorset Table Tennis League

Gorge A trounce title contenders

IN a week when both teams made their exit from the handicap cup, fortunes were revived for Shipton Gorge A with an outstanding performance in the league against title contenders YMCA.

Shipton Gorge A 27
YMCA A Dorchester 13

WHEN Richard Trim edged the first game of the night against YMCA skipper John Cox in the fifth it was evident that both teams badly wanted a victory. Trim found his other opponents a little easier, chalking up 3-0 victories over both.

Chris Glover's encounter with Cox was equally enthralling with Cox this time getting the victory over five sets. Glover was covering every inch of the village hall in a fine defensive display mixed with vicious attacking loops and Brian Handsford and Ken Brake could not break his game, both losing 0-3.

Gil Roberts was pushed hard in all of his games, going down 2-3 to Brake but superbly beating Cox 3-1 and Handsford by the same margin. The doubles was equally closely fought with Cox and Handsford just edging Trim and Glover in the fifth.

Handicap Cup
St Osmunds Hawks 5
Shipton Gorge A 3

SHIPTON brought in Eddy Buck and Ron Tucknott to try and get some better advantage from the severe handicapping system.

To an extent it worked as Tucknott fought his way to two excellent victories despite starting 0-11 and -1- 14 down.

Gil Roberts, carrying the maximum handicap of -4 to 14, picked up one game by bewildering his opponent with a vicious chop but Eddy Buck was unable to use the tactic to the same effect with his penhold grip and ended the night without a win.

Shipton Gorge B had to concede their match at Red Triangle when Dave Poole failed to make the "team bus".

LYME REGIS GOLF CLUB

SUNDAY, February 21st was a relatively warm wind free and dry day on which to stage a golf competition. As a result 66 club members turned out to contest the February Stableford competition.

Whilst all of the scores did not totally reflect the benign conditions, the winning scores were more than respectable.

In division one Jim Allan from Beaminster, playing off seven, came in two shots better than his handicap with a total of 38 points which only beat Malcolm Wilson from Axminster (12) on countback.

In third place with a level par score of 36 points was Colyford resident Peter Spiers (14) who featured in the prizes for the third week in succession. Whilst Division One was a closely fought contest, Division Two was even more so with three players each recording a score of 39 points.

In the end the honours went to Shane Stone (21) on countback. In second place was 13-year-old Colyton schoolboy George Yorke (17). One of the young rising stars of the club, George scored his 39 points despite having two non-scoring holes in his round.

In third place, also with 39 points, was school teacher and Raymonds Hill resident Tom McIntyre who also had the satisfaction of recording one of the two "twos" of the day.

The other two was achieved by Adrian Morgan of Uplyme.

MAGPIES MARCH TO SAFETY CONTINUES

DORCHESTER TOWN 2 BISHOP'S STORTFORD 0

Blue Square South - Attendance: 432

DORCHESTER Town continued to climb the Blue Square South table with this win over Bishop's Stortford despite never hitting the heights of recent performances.

A sticky pitch made life difficult for both teams but goals just either side of halftime from strikers Ryan Moss and Matt Groves means that the Magpies have only lost once in their last seven games.

Manager Ashley Vickers teamed up Moss having recovered from illness, alongside Groves, who came off the subs bench at Welling last Saturday to earn the Magpies a point with a last minute penalty. He also recalled Nick Crittenden who had missed the match in East London with an ankle injury.

Bishop's Stortford included former Dorchester midfielder Jon Docker in their side.

Neither side created a lot in a fairly low tempo first half, and it took 13 minutes before the first penalty area action when Docker headed a ball into the path of Danny Morgan, but the linesman's flag was up before he volleyed past Regan Coward.

Docker should then have done better on 20 minutes when he drove wide of Coward's left hand post from 20 yards.

Dorchester first attempt on goal didn't come until the 28th minute when Blues giant keeper Nick Morgan failed to hold on to Mark Jermyn's long cross, but Steve Devlin couldn't keep his hooked shot down and it sailed over the bar.

It was rather against the run of play that Dorchester went ahead five minutes before the break, thanks to a piece of magic from Crittenden.

The former Glover appeared to be chasing a lost cause as a hopeful pass ran towards the bye line pursued by two defenders. However, hemmed in, he flicked the ball over one of his markers before volleying a cross which was met by the inrushing Moss who muscled his way past defenders to head into the corner of the net from close range.

The Blues had a great opportunity to level right on the break when Docker put Morgan in behind the Magpies defence but his lob over the advancing Coward drifted wide of the right hand post.

Dorchester increased their lead within 20 seconds of the restart when Moss was brought to ground in the penalty box by Blues captain Stevland Angus as he bore down on goal.

Groves, as he did against Welling last week drove the spot kick high and hard down the middle of the goal as Morgan went right.

Gary Bowles who had another solid game showed he is in great form with a crucial tackle to prevent Bertie Brayley getting a shot in on goal.

Warren Byerley was given the chance to make his home debut with 20 minutes left and might have done better with a 20-yard effort straight at Morgan that also lacked apower.

However his neat headed pass then set up Crittenden whose 20-yard drive had Morgan scrambling to his left to turn it for a corner.

Jermyn then hit his 25-yard left foot drive straight at Morgan, before in the final minute Devlin's corner was flicked on by Jules Emati-Emati where the inrushing Nathan Walker headed over the angle of the goal.

The win lifts Dorchester above their opponents into 15th place and twelve points clear of the relegation places.

Tales from a keeper Banks

ENTHRALLED diners were treated to a personal account of what is considered to be the 'Save of the Century' when World Cup winning goalkeeper Gordon Banks, OBE, was the guest speaker of the latest Sportsman Dinner held by Dorchester Town FC last Friday.

Banks, considered by many to be England's greatest goalkeeper, and at the time maybe the best in the world talked about his professional football career that spanned 17 years, playing over 500 games for Chesterfield, Leicester City and Stoke City, and winning 73 England caps until he was forced to retire following a car accident in 1972 resulting in the loss of sight in his right eyes.

The save from Pele in the 1970 World Cup match against Brazil in Mexico is still revered by all, not least by Pele himself who described it as the greatest save he had ever seen.

Around 100 people attended the event that included an original and very entertaining comedian John Stiles, son of Bank's World Cup winning colleague Nobby.

Gordon1 – WELCOME: Dorchester Town Chairman Shaun Hearn welcomes the legendary Gordon Banks

Back to 'The Avenue'

DORCHESTER Town are to revert to calling their stadium The Avenue Stadium.

In an exclusive interview with chairman Shaun Hearn before last Friday's Sportsman's Dinner he confirmed to *View From Dorchester* that the current sponsorship with Jewson, negotiated with previous chairman Eddie Mitchell, had now expired, and that although the club would seek sponsorship for next season, the stadium would revert to its original name.

Although the club only moved to the current stadium in 1993, they had played at the original Avenue Stadium, located on the site of the Tesco store, since 1929.

Many fans, particularly long time Magpies fans were upset at the change of title after nearly 80 years and will be happy with the news.

Anita Harries, whose father Lionel Bascombe was a director of the club for many years was one of those that felt very strongly about the change in name. "A lot of our family worked voluntarily at the old ground when dad was involved with the club; I used to work behind the bar among other jobs, and he would have been mortified at the change of name, and so I was so glad when Shaun advised me on Friday that the club were changing back."

The club will run its usual patrons draw in the summer for the shirt sponsorship but entrants will also be offered the opportunity for an additional £100 to enter the draw to have the stadium named after them. However unlike the previous deal it will be called The Avenue Stadium sponsored by .....

Bath pull plug on Terras

BATH CITY 2 WEYMOUTH 0

Blue Square South - Attendance: 656

WEYMOUTH gave a much better performance at Twerton Park last Saturday following the humiliation by Basingstoke, but were undone by two goals in a minute late in the second-half.

Gill shuffled his pack once more recalling Jamie Frampton, Jordan Vincent, Matt Groves and Jake Reid, and with Cameron Mawer playing as a sweeper Weymouth looked more solid at the back.

They had an early scare when Frampton's successful sliding tackle on Dave Gilroy tried to knock the ball past him resulted in the ball bouncing off his hand but the ref deemed it accidental. Martin Slocombe then blocked Adam Connolly's goalbound shot.

On 20 minutes Terras keeper Tim Sandercombe was forced into two saves inside 20 seconds, beating away a left-footed drive from Rollo and getting down well to parry Gilroy's close-range shot.

Weymouth's first effort on goal came four minutes before the break when skipper Scott Brice's header from Slocombe's free-kick just drifted over the bar.

Bath had a great opportunity to go into the break in the lead when Nathan Davies was adjudged to have felled Darren Edwards in the penalty area, but having dusted himself down he blazed the spot-kick well wide.

The second-half followed the first with neither side apparently able to unlock the oppositions defence until the 73rd minute when Frampton needlessly fouled Gilroy on the edge of the box and Connolly curled the ball around the Terras wall and beyond Sandercombe.

Within a minute the Romans had added another. Hector Mackie beat Vincent down the left before finding Edwards with a measured cross. The striker took a touch before making no mistake this time firing his shot into the bottom corner.

The goals deflated Weymouth and Edwards almost added another with a clever back-heel but Sandercombe cleared off the line, whilst sub Luke Benbow provided the last excitement of a dull game with a 20-yard shot that Bath keeper Ryan Robinson diving to his right saved with ease.

Bees dig in for victory

PORTISHEAD TOWN 0 BRIDPORT 1

Toolstation Div One - Attendance: 66

BRIDPORT's walking wounded produced a gritty performance to take all three points at Bristol Road and in doing so delighted manager Trevor Senior who described it as his side's best all round performance since he took the reins last summer.

Already missing strikers Matt Moors (injured) and Sam Charles (unavailable), Senior, who had to name himself as one of the two subs, was forced to play son Chris up front on his own, whilst Jamie Fry, in the absence of a regular keeper once again donned the gloves.

The problems didn't end there. With both Darren Watts and Matt Condliffe not fully fit he lost the services of Alan Hill after just 15 minutes when he suffered an ankle injury in a heavy tackle that went unpunished.

Senior adjusted the formation to 4-4-2 to accommodate sub Roger Cummings in midfield pushing Adam Symes up front but then had to further contend with an injury to Chris Clarke soon afterwards that reduced him to limping pace.

In a game of attrition on a heavy pitch, chances were few and far between although Dan Wise went close with a free kick before Danny Benn raced through the Bees defence only to lob his effort high and wide.

Fry was well protected by his defence once more, but was called into action when he brilliantly denied Nick Sloan at point blank range.

The goal that decided the match came on the hour when Adam Symes twisted and turned past a couple of defenders before deftly chipping host keeper Ian Glanfield.

The win sees the Bees climb two places to 13th and extends their current form to five wins in the last six matches including four clean sheets.

■ **SO CLOSE: Magpies' skipper Kevin Hill (6) just fails to connect with Steve Devlin's inswinging corner.** **Photo by STUART BROOM**

Bridport Football Partnership Support for budding managers

FOOTBALL coaches or managers within the Bridport Football Partnership (BFP) area who have just started, or are about to start running sides at either youth or senior level have a great opportunity of free coaching this summer.

BFP through their Development Programme are offering to stage an additional 1st 4 Sport Level 1coaching course if sufficient interest is shown.

The course run over several evenings or a weekend involves subjects including emergency aid, child protection, coaching small-sided games and injury identification. Run on an informal basis by the Dorset FA,there is a final assessment on completion with an almost 100 percent pass rate.

Geoff Joy (Chairman BFP) said: "The cost of the course is normally around £100 each, but we are happy to supplement this cost from the BFP Grant Scheme providing we can get a minimum of 12 people for the course which is designed for the coach/manager who has just started running sides either at youth or senior level. In some cases, clubs must have level 1 coaches as a mandatory requirement for football charter status."

All details can be found on the DCFA website.

If you are interested in signing up for the course contact Geoff on 01308 425495 or Mike Thompson on 01308 424932.

A chance to back a nag

IF you fancy a flutter on the races without getting wet then get down to The Beehive on Saturday March 13th where Bridport Football Club are holding a Horse Race Night.

Entry is £5 per ticket which includes a free draw and a hot meal or £24 for a team of six.

You can also sponsor a race for £20 but you need to contact Adrian on 07785752522 or e-mail bridportfc@btconnect.com by this Saturday (February 27th).

Tickets for the event which starts at 8pm are available on the door or by contacting Adrian on the above numbers.

YEOVIL TOWN FC
Was Skivvo the cheap option?

by Stuart Broom

YEOVIL Town chairman John Fry commenting on Terry Skiverton's first year's tenure as manager is reported as claiming "he can go all the way".

Cynics would say he would say that, after all he appointed him and he needs to justify his selection.

As a season ticket holder I am afraid I am far from convinced that Fry is right and he is the answer.

The chairman and his sidekick Martin Starnes have done a great job in keeping the finances under reasonable control, and every fan will be grateful that the Glovers are not making headlines like Southend United who are currently the subject of a winding up order against them.

Let's face it though Skivvo was the cheap option when Fry dismissed Russell Slade last season.

A superb warrior and leader of men on the field, Skiverton does not appear to be the same person when he is stood on the touchline.

He stands impassively regardless of the situation, leaving the animation to his assistant Nathan Jones who leaps around like a demented monkey.

It was upsetting in the recent home defeat by Huddersfield Town to see the manager turn away with a smile on his face after Dean Bowditch skied a penalty over the bar that would have given his side a share of the points.

Fry quite rightly claims that Skiverton needs time to grow into the job and that he will make errors in his first managerial role. Of course he is right, but can he continue to justify the situation when Yeovil continue to slide towards the bottom of League One.

Can he explain that with five internationals in the side why the team performance is consistently poor?

Keeper Alex McCarthy, defender Steven Caulker and midfielders Shaun MacDonald, Owain Tudur-Jones and Ryan Mason have all represented their country this season at various levels, so are clearly of a high technical standard, so you can only assume the manager has got his tactics wrong.

Why, when you are a goal down, do you not make any substitutions to try and change the game? A goal down at home to Colchester last week, Skiverton remained motionless, almost resigned to defeat and made no attempt to change the side's personnel.

It is also very frustrating as a spectator to listen to the manager's after match interview where when the side has clearly not played well to hear him praise the team's performance. He rarely makes a negative comment about his side, preferring to praise the opposition's play when often that is not the case.

Should Fry have gone for a more experienced manager?

It was interesting to see John Ward, who has a wealth of managerial experience with Bristol Rovers, Bristol City, Wolves and Cheltenham Town assisting Adie Boothroyd on the touchline for Colchester recently.

I appreciate that Skivvo has to start somewhere but it leaves you wondering what someone with his experience would have done in the situation.

I hope I am wrong and that Skiverton can arrest the decline, but I do worry that it may be too late.

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WEST DORSET SPORT ROUND-UP

WITH STUART BROOM

BRIDPORT SUPERLEAGUE DARTS NEWS

Ladies land welcome win

BRIDPORT travelled to Wimborne with both the men's and Ladies teams looking for a much needed victory following back-to-back defeats.

Whilst the Ladies triumphed 6-3, the men's losing streak continued as they lost 4-8.

The Ladies went into the singles matches with a 2-1 lead following wins in the pairs for Helen Long and Jan Collins, and Elaine Ingram and Becky Dedman.

A win for Long put the ladies 3-1 ahead. Unfortunately defeats for Collins and Jo Knight levelled the score at 3-3.

However wins for Liz Vowles, Ingram and Dedman saw Bridport pick up maximum points in a 6-3 win.

Lady of the match went to Ingram after an impressive 3-0 win, hitting six 100+ scores and finishing with a 16.34 average.

The men went into the singles 2-2 following pairs wins for Tony Brown and Ben Grainger together with Graham Knight and Sam Legg. Tony Brown then won 3-1 with a 20.52 average, putting Bridport 3-2 ahead.

Unfortunately Graham Knight with a 3-0 win and a 24.24 average was the only other winner in a disappointing night for the men.

Bridport entertain Bournemouth at the Clock House, Chideock on Saturday, with the ladies looking for another win and the men needing a change of fortune.

Woodroffe gymnasts in Nationals

TWO Woodroffe pupils were not only judged to be the best schools acrobatic pair in the South-West region last week, but also they won their way through to compete in the National finals.

Year seven and eight pupils Georgia Rooke and Valentine Tutcher (pictured left) won the girls under-13 category of the South-West schools acrobatic gymnastics championships.

What made their performance even more astonishing is that both girls usually train with other partners against each other, and undertook most of their training together in the park and at each other's houses.

The tough competition, which saw many partnerships competing against each other, rewards those who perform relatively simple acrobatic gymnastic them with flawless execution.

"We're both usually the ones being lifted up and balanced in the air, as we're normally the tops of women's trios," said Georgia, "but because I'm that little bit younger, I was the 'top' for this competition.

"We don't normally get to compete for our school either, so it's good to win medals for them."

Both girls are in the 'acrobatics squad' group of Honiton Gymnastics Club, and train 13+ hours a week.

High performance coach Helen Nayler said: "The girls performed exceptionally well, and earned their place in the national finals. The event is fiercely competitive, and even includes World and European champions at their age groups.

"It is a great introduction to the sport, a good way to perfect the fundamental skills, and an excellent way for them to work on choreography together, while having fun at school at the samtime."

Georgia and Valentine were the only members of Honiton Gym Club to return with gold medals. Lauren Davey and Charlotte Beviss from Honiton Primary School returned with a silver medal in the girls' under 11 pairs, and Adam Fullick from Clyst Vale brought back a bronze medal in the boys' under 13 tumbling event.

Thirteen partnerships, plus tumblers, from Honiton Gym Club competed, with representation from The Woodroffe School, Honiton Primary School, Honiton Community College, The Kings School, Feniton Primary School, Colyton Grammar School, Clyst Vale, St Michaels, Charmouth Primary School, Farway Primary School, and Offwell Primary School.

Locally-based performers who took part in the championships, along with their placings, were:

Girls under 11 pairs
Megan Quick and Michelle Quick – St Michaels – 29th

Under 13 girls pairs
Valentine Tutcher and Georgia Rooke, The Woodroffe School – 1st.

Over 13 girls pairs
Rebekah Lawrence & Becky Matthews, Colyton Grammar School – 15th
Rosie Lyus & Danielle Hartland, Colyton Grammar School – 27th

Under 11 boys' tumbling
Buster Tutcher, Charmouth Primary School – 4th.

WEYMOUTH AMATEUR BOXING CLUB

WEYMOUTH Amateur Boxing Club is holding a Standard Dinner Show at Redlands Sports Centre on Saturday April 24th.

The event which includes a three course dinner starts at 7pm sharp and costs £35 a ticket.

You can also sponsor a bout for £120 which includes two tickets, a half page advert in the programme and the presentation of a trophy.

Dress code: Black tie is preferred or lounge suit.

To reserve tickets or to book sponsorship e-mail info@weymouthabc.co.uk or phone Jason on 07875492660 or Dave on 07899925316.

RUGBY ROUND-UP

with KEITH JENKIN

STAND-IN PROPS HOLD 'MINSTER AT BAY

ANOTHER round of league fixtures took place on Saturday last and all local clubs, with one notable exception, were involved.

The odd man out was HONITON. With the muddle that is the newly revamped Devon League now reaching laughable proportions, their home game against PLYMOUTH ARGUAM was called off by the visitors because of team raising difficulties.

The Bridport second side too did not play, for they could not raise a side for the journey to South Wilts.

I took the road to Crewkerne to watch their game against Castle Cary.

WARMINSTER 14pts WEYMOUTH 55pts
WEYMOUTH put last week's reversal well and truly behind them by winning with a great deal to spare, at Warminster. Although one or two of their squad returned from injury, one or two were still absent, necessitating that several played out of position.

One of these, Adam Poole, normally a centre, turned out at scrum-half and was in great part responsible for his side's performance, providing a good link between forwards and backs.

There is too, a dearth of fit props in the Weymouth club at the moment, but those standing in really put their hands up and the result of their efforts is reflected in the score line.

In all Weymouth scored eight tries. Full-back Dave Allen, Will Quick and hooker Borrington scored a couple each. Will Hughes and Steve Galbraithe also got over, and Peplow kicked six conversions and a penalty goal to complete the scoring.

The home side did score a couple of converted efforts but were never in the contest as Weymouth moved well clear by the whistle for no side.

WEYMOUTH 2nd 15pts DORCHESTER 3rd 5pts
HAVING no league game, the Weymouth second side took on Dorchester thirds in a friendly match and won by three tries to one, but had to come from behind to do so.

They faced the breeze and sun in the first period and trailed by an unconverted try to nil at the halfway stage.

An unconverted try by skipper Nathan Allen levelled the score soon after the restart; and there followed a concerted move where players threw short passes and looped round to take a return.

The visitors finally ran out of cover and Adam Darcy completed the move to give his side the lead. This score too remained unconverted , but a third try by Andy Thorne before the final whistle, completed the win.

DEVIZES 20pts DORCHESTER 20pts
LOOKING back, Dorchester will consider that this game was "the one that got away" but it was rather more than that.

They were possibly a little fortunate to come back with a share of the spoils. In fact they should really have wrapped up the result by the end of the first quarter. They dominated in this period and were guilty of missing several scoring opportunities.

They did score a penalty goal through Adam Jones during this time but, after twenty minutes' play the home side, realising that they were still in the contest, started to come to the party.

In fact it was Dorchester who increased their lead just before the half hour with a try by Read who, spotting a gap on halfway, ran to the posts, eluding several would be tacklers on the way.

Jones duly added the extras from in front, but the home response was immediate. Their pack drove over the Dorchester line and their influential fly-half goaled the try and kicked a subsequent penalty goal to take his side level at the halfway stage.

Dorchester did impose some pressure at the start of the second half and a second Jones penalty goal was their reward. The home side however, equalised with a similar effort soon after, and took the lead with a converted try, scored by their winger, on the hour.

At 20-13, adrift Dorchester looked to be in trouble, the more especially as they were far from cohesive, and struggled to string phases together.

They kept at it however and, towards the end, out half Jones breached the home defence and made it to the posts.

He converted his try to tie the scores, only for Devizes to almost have the final word as they came close to scoring a try and also pulled a penalty goal attempt wide in the dying moments.

BRIDPORT 41pts BLANDFORD 7pts
ALTHOUGH the final score line would signal otherwise, this was not a good performance by Bridport. They did not take their chances.

Their first up tackling tended to the shoddy. They lacked cohesion and really won this one because they were, individually speaking, more skilful than their opponents.

Better sides would certainly have given them problems on the day.

After missing a couple of scoring opportunities before the game was five minutes old, they did take the lead via a Lewis penalty goal at around the ten minute mark, but then lost a lock to the bin and, in his absence, were adjudged to have collapsed a set scrum close to their own line and a penalty try was the result.

Thus Blandford took the lead with some ten minutes of the half left, only for the home side to regain it with a try by Croft who was on hand to complete a break by Hawkes-Wellstead after his side had gone through the phases.

A further unconverted try by prop Rob Sullivan, who showed good pace to get in from the twenty two just before the break took the half-time score to 13-7 after a frustrating first period.

Hard words were spoken in the Bridport camp at the interval and they stretched away in the second-half.

Centre Tony Dommett broke and scored from set piece possession some fifteen minutes after the restart and a couple of minutes later full-back Cutting joined the line at a set scrum in midfield, found a gap and ran to the posts. Lewis converted both tries to put his side in control at 27-7 ahead.

Idris Croft contributed twice to the next Bridport score, charging down an attempted clearance to wrong foot the defence initially and then being on hand to touch down after the ball had gone through several pairs of hands.

Lewis was having a good day with the boot. He converted the try and also added the extras to the final one, scored by scrum-half Tom Wren after his quick tap had caught the visitors' defence napping.

Bridport had really moved out of sight of these opponents but were really left thinking that this performance, a winning one though it was, would not have been good enough to trouble the sides that are likely to be their opposition in the not too distant future.

PREVIEW
SATURDAY next was originally designated as a day when all rugby people, be they players, tea ladies or supporters, could put their feet up and possibly watch the England v Ireland game on the box. (I shall be watching it from the stands).

As it is though, most sides will be involved in league "catch up" matches; Chard thirds, CREWKERNE, DORCHESTER and Weymouth seconds being the exceptions, having presumably already caught up with their respective league programmes.

BRIDPORT have the chance to avenge a rather embarrassing defeat earlier in the season at the hands of Saturday's opponents, the league's bottom club SALISBURY 2nd, a side who have not won overmuch since that occasion.

They should certainly do just that, especially if they exhibit the control and incision that they did when I watched them at Weymouth.

WEYMOUTH play WARMINSTER for the second week running and will have a chance to show that last week's dominating performance against this opposition was no fluke.

They will certainly start this one with considerable confidence, but should really avoid complacency, for their opponents are a better side than they showed on Saturday last. I do take Weymouth to win again, although the scoreline will be closer.

As to the second sides, Bridport seconds will probably be wondering just which Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew side turns up, for these opponents can be useful or poor, as the mood seemingly takes them. I do take them to win this one.

Dorchester seconds will however, face a competitive outing against North Dorset thirds.

FIXTURES 27th February - Bridport v Salisbury 2nd, Bridport 2nd v Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew (away); Chard v Avon (away); Chard 2nd v North Petherton 2nd (away); Chard Colts v Wiveliscombe (away); Dorchester v no game; Dorchester 2nd v North Dorset 3rd (away); Honiton v Devonport High School Old Boys (away); Honiton 2nd v Teignmouth 2nd (away); Honiton Colts v Barnstaple Colts (away); Sidmouth v Newton Abbot (away); Sidmouth 2nd v Wellington 2nd (home); Sidmouth 3rd v Okehampton 3rd (away); Sidmouth Colts v Cullompton Colts (away); Weymouth v Warminster (home); Weymouth 2nd v no game.

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INSIDE: Comprehensive local sports news round-up

Super Js take Seasiders through to semi-finals

By Howard Larcombe

A GOAL apiece from the strike-pairing of Julien Simier and Joe Bond saw Lyme Regis through to the semi-finals of the Challenge Cup after a stormy quarter-final in front of the impressive new Sports Pavilion at Beaminster's Memorial Ground.

Beaminster finished the afternoon depleted with Sam Crocker sent-off 10 minutes from time and also had skipper Murray Legg red-carded for comments made to referee Chris Vowles after the final whistle. Vowles, who had difficult afternoon, was also at the centre of two disputed penalty shouts - one for each team - and denied Bond an apparently good second goal.

All-in-all anybody who watched the game will have witnessed a good old fashioned local-derby and seen that there is very little between these old West Dorset rivals with Lyme just about deserving of their win which has set-up a clash with South Petherton at Lightgate Gate Lane with the South Petherton.

This weekend Lyme travel to neighbours Charmouth who remain rock bottom after a 5-1 defeat at Ilminster Town Reserves.

Lyme Manager Robin Townsend will be without the services of wing-back Dave Robinson who is off to Australia for 10 weeks and Lee Cleal who has decided to return to the goalkeeping duties with Bridport - however, Ben Whittington returns to the squad.

There was morale-boosting afternoon at Venlake for Uplyme who collected three priceless points in their battle to avoid the Division Two relegation zone. Alex Cottle and Gavin Fowler scored the goals which earned a 2-1 win over high-flying Dowlish & Donyatt. Manager Rodney Rowe takes his side off to face Beaminster Reserves on Saturday.

Lyme Reserves remain rooted to the foot of the Division One table after blowing a 3-1 lead against fellow strugglers Perry Street Reserves. The Seasiders, who eventually crashed 6-4, take a break from their Divsion One worries and avert their attention to the Arthur Gage Cup and a quarter-final with in-form Ilminster Colts at the Davey Fort. Lyme Bantams entertain Division Three promotion chasing Misterton Reserves at Venlake.

Charmouth Reserves returned to the bottom of the Division Four table after going down 2-0 at home to Hawkchurch Reserves. New boss Toby Gordon will be hoping for better when his squad travel to Thorncombe Reserves at the weekend.

■ CONGRATULATIONS: Lyme Regis manager Robin Townsend (left) presents Beaminster player-manager Paddy Ford with a framed certificate to mark the first appearance of the Beaminster first team since the opening of the town's impressive new sports pavilion. Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

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